

## NOTICE OF MEETING

**72<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of Faculty Council**  
**Thursday November 8, 2018**  
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**2018- 2019 Liberal Arts & Professional Studies Faculty Council Meetings are normally on the second Thursday of the month at 3:00pm in the Senate Chamber, N940 Ross.**

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\*\*scheduled on the third Thursday due to a scheduling conflict

**York University  
Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies  
LA&PS Faculty Council**

Senate Chamber  
Minutes of the 71<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Council  
October 18, 2018

T. Abdullah, M. Adriaen, J. Allen, P. Avery, M. Belore, C. Campbell, L. Cho, M. Cooke, R. Coombe, T. DasGupta, A. Davis, H. Davis, D. Doorey, K. Doyle, K. Doyle, C. Dumont, S. Ehrlich, P. Evans, I. Ferrara, A. Glasbeek, W. Gleberzon, R. Grinspun, S. Gururani, R. Iannacito-Provenzano, P. Khaiteer, A. Khalil, A. Khullar, A. Kimakova, R. Koleszar-Green, A. Kulak, B. Lawrence, M. Leps, A. MacLennan, C. Marjollet, K. Mastek, T. McFarlane, J.J. McMurtry, A. Medovarski, K. Michasiw, R. Myers, N. Neil, K. O'Regan, K. Ogata, M. Olaogun, R. Ophir, P. Phillips, M. Quirt, A. Ramjattan, N. Razack, A. Redding, L. Rumiel, J. Simeon, J. Simoulidis, C. Steele, T. Taylor, K. Thomson, B. Visano, A. Weiss, R. Wellen, S. Whitworth, A. Withers, J. Wood, D. Woody

**1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda**

The meeting was called to order.

The Chair requested the motion for the amended agenda be approved.

The motion was seconded and carried.

**2. Chair of Council's Remarks**

The Chair called on Colin McMahon to read the Indigenous Acknowledgement.

The Chair welcomed all members to the 71<sup>st</sup> meeting of Council, offering a special welcome to the Interim Dean, J.J. McMurtry, who served previously as AD of Programs and Vice-Dean of LA&PS.

Items on consent agenda were deemed approved

**3. Minutes of the September 13, 2018 Meeting**

A member requested that a minor formatting issue in the minutes be corrected to ensure that motions appear in separate paragraphs.

It was moved, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2018 meeting.

**4. Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was none.

**5. Presentation: Rhonda Lenton, President – Decanal Search Process**

The Chair called on the President to launch the decanal search.

President Lenton noted that since the last decanal search there have been changes to the Presidential guidelines for decanal searches in response to various issues and concerns of different Faculty Councils.

She explained that the Search Committees are composed of six full-time faculty members, a staff member (either YUSA or CPM), a graduate and an undergraduate student, and a Presidential designate. Committees are usually Chaired by the Provost.

To ensure broad diversity of membership, the Dean suggested that the Search Committee include two faculty members from each of the Faculty's three areas, and she noted that she is also amenable to adding a contract faculty member.

The President suggested that with such a large Faculty and such a competitive environment for Deans, it would be advisable to bring the Search Committee together as soon as possible.

She noted that the general process involves the Committee creating a brief job ad, after which the Committee works on the position profile. She added that this is followed by consultation with Council, as well as students, staff, and faculty to reach a broad pool of candidates.

The President noted that a consulting company will be used to help identify candidates and provide administrative support for the Search Committee, which will create a long list and then a short list. She added that typically four short listed candidates are interviewed.

She noted there is a new open search provision, which involves inviting the final two or three candidates to present to Council. She added that if the candidates agree to participate, Council's feedback on the candidates' presentations would go back to the Search Committee to influence who would be the final ranked candidate. She explained that the Search Committee then makes a recommendation to the President, who takes that recommendation to the Board.

The President noted that there have been instances where candidates opted not to participate in an open search, so it will not be known if the search will be open until the final candidates respond to the request.

The Chair thanked the President and asked members to restrict their questions to the general framework and procedures of the decanal search process. He noted that there would be a motion put forward in the meeting detailing the composition and procedures of the Search Committee drafted by the Executive in dialogue with the President.

A member proposed that the Search Committee include eight rather than six full-time faculty members in order to provide more diversity.

He expressed concern about the way the President introduced the search guidelines and the open search provision. The member noted that the policy was never subject to consultation from this Council or any other, and was never presented to Senate in writing. He expressed concern about this in the context of university governance and the administration's involvement in issues of academic policy.

He noted that there have been consistent expressions of concern over the years about a shift from an open search at the shortlisted stage. The member noted that open searches can bring enormous advantages and Council should be able to choose an open search.

The President noted there has been an ongoing debate about how to balance administrative, Board, and collegial perspectives, and said she does her best to be sensitive to concerns. She added that the Board designates to the President guidelines for decanal searches and this was the case during the tenure of previous Presidents. She noted that she was being responsive to the desire for an process, while balancing that with concern about attracting top candidates.

The President promised to consider the concerns of councillors, but she challenged the notion that she did not consult anyone about this

new provision, having discussed it on two occasions at Senate in Presidential remarks and consulting with Councils during searches.

She noted that she too would like more diversity on the Committee, but cited the difficulties scheduling large Committees. She added that to raise the number of faculty members sitting on the Search Committee to eight is a bit of a concern, but she would look at it.

A member noted that in an open search members of the Faculty can provide and seek information about the candidate. He noted that the advantages of a closed search are relatively minor compared to the major disadvantage of the Search Committee and larger community being denied access to information about the candidates.

The member invited his colleagues to imagine the trust that would be lost in terms of the legitimacy of the search if there is a conditionally open search, and then one of the candidates vetoes the open search.

President Lenton noted that this particular issue is not up for debate. She added that the other Faculty searches have been proceeding in this way, and this is the balance that was struck after the Provost undertook an extensive review. She promised that the wishes of the Faculty about an open search would be conveyed to the candidates.

The Chair thanked the President for clarifying the parameters of the search, and asked if she would consider a request from the Faculty for a bigger Search Committee.

The President responded that she would take that into consideration, but cautioned against making the Committee untenably large.

## **6. Interim Dean's Report to Council**

The Chair called on Interim Dean McMurtry for his report to Council.

The Interim Dean noted that he would use his time to discuss four items and answer any questions raised.

His first item was an offer of congratulations. He noted that he had attended a wonderful recent event to launch the Indigenous Studies Program, which is an important piece for LA&PS to develop. He also remarked on the efforts made to celebrate Black Studies Programs and thanked those who worked hard to bring these programs to York.

He noted that the next item was Markham. He said that there are still many questions about how building has been organized and what the strike's impact has been, but the good news is that it is in process.

He noted that in LA&PS there are three programs going to Markham: the BComm, Justice Administration, and Interdisciplinary Liberal Arts.

He said decisions have yet to be made regarding what streams and what form BComm will take, adding that there is also a new BComm graduate program going over to Markham.

He confirmed that the Dean's office has submitted a notice of intent to get the process moving on the Justice Administration and Interdisciplinary Liberal Arts programs going to Markham, noting that there are calls for open meetings for those two programs to identify and invite stakeholders to participate in the process.

The Interim Dean acknowledged that Markham is a standing item for Council, so there will be updates and opportunities to talk about it.

A member asked what is meant by "the BComm is going to Markham"?

The Interim Dean noted that BComm is not leaving Keele campus, but the degree is going to Markham. He said that with limited space there will be hard caps on how many students can go there, and there are still open questions about streams and enrollment.

A member asked about how the Interdisciplinary Liberal Arts program will relate to existing programs.

The Interim Dean responded that when the university received approval to build a Markham campus programs were proposed, including Interdisciplinary Liberal Arts. He said there will be fewer than 100 students in the first year, noting that the program will not be exclusively Humanities or Social Sciences, and will not necessarily exclude Natural Science, but it will be a program that enhances cultural sensitivity, numeracy, and also have an online component.

He said the general idea for Markham is to develop something distinct, with no replication of what is offered at Keele.

A member asked how BComm, which will be offered on both campuses, will be managed from students' perspectives, and whether

Glendon should be an example. He noted that students come in and out of BComm and move between streams. He suggested that questions about Markham should go back to the Planning Committee.

The Interim Dean said these are important questions around BComm, but there are no firm answers as of yet. He said there are ongoing efforts to develop the curriculum and enhance the ways students will experience Markham as a stand-alone experience, which means they can complete their degree there. He also noted that Markham is going to be staged to allow for adjustments.

A member asked for clarification on Gen Ed courses at Markham.

He noted that Gen Ed courses will meet existing Faculty legislation.

A member asked who would be responsible for providing General Education courses in Interdisciplinary Liberal Arts at Markham.

The Interim Dean noted that there is limited classroom space and size, but Interdisciplinary Liberal Arts will offer components of Humanities and Social Science, and there may also be opportunities for collaboration and innovation between Faculties.

He introduced the budget as the next item to discuss, noting that usually there is a budget presentation to Council in November or December. He promised that he would endeavour to present something on the budget in that time frame,

He noted that he would be unable to offer a full report on the budget without having answers to questions from summer, such as what the tuition credit opportunity will cost and where that cost will be allocated. He acknowledged that intention before the strike was to have a Special Meeting in Council, to discuss what SHARP would look like refined, but that this would not be possible before Spring.

He noted that the initial projections are for a \$10-20 million deficit, which is significantly different from what was tracking before the strike. A member asked the Interim Dean to put the budget deficit in context. He noted that projections before the strike were that the Faculty would be close to breaking even, but this year's projected \$10-20 million deficit is in addition to the existing \$52m structural deficit.

A member asked if the Faculty will pay for tuition credit opportunity.

He responded that the answer to this will be worked out in a conversation that is ongoing.

The final item raised by the Dean was the discussion between Geography and FES inaugurated by Senate about a potential merger of the two units. He noted that the conversation faltered but there has been a revival of that conversation and there will be information provided soon by the Provost's office.

## **7. Reports of Standing Committees of Council**

### **a) Executive Committee**

The Chair noted that most of the vacancies have been filled in Council's Standing Committees.

He added that an eVote will be coming shortly; however, the Tenure and Promotion Committee is short two full-time faculty nominees. He asked if there are any nominations from the floor for this Committee.

A member noted that the list of vacancies and nominees for Standing Committees is usually included in the Council agenda.

The Chair noted the list will be circulated for the next Council meeting.

The Chair moved to close the nominations for the LA&PS Standing Committees and the faculty representatives on Senate.

It was moved, seconded, and the motion carried.

### **b) Curriculum, Curricular Policy and Standards**

The Chair called on M. Quirt to present the ITEC item for action.

She noted that this was a change that came through CCPS and she recommended that Council pass it.

The motion was moved, seconded, and carried.

## **8. Item for Information: Contract Faculty Representation on Faculty Council Results**

The Chair thanked the newly acclaimed contract faculty representatives for their commitment to Council and for their

participation in collegial governance. He noted that contract faculty are a vital part of our faculty.

A member asked councillors to reflect on the fact that full-time members are paid to participate in Council, while contract faculty members do it on their own time. He added that if colleagues valued contract faculty, these circumstances would be taken into account.

The Chair noted that we will take up that discussion, and he would appreciate if there are suggestions on how to operationalize this point.

## **9. Other Business for Which Due Notice Has Been Given**

The Chair noted that the President's presentation helped clarify the framework and parameters of the decanal search process.

He noted that the Search Committee is a Presidential Committee, and Council's role is therefore limited to making recommendations.

He said that Executive looked at the general guidelines and with Presidential input came up with a draft proposal.

The Chair noted that there is a plan to hold a special Faculty Council meeting in November to consult about the position profile.

He apologized for the fact that the draft sent out originally was not the final language of what is being put forward as a motion.

He noted that the President will not be on the Search Committee, which will be chaired by the Provost and Vice President Academic.

He said eligibility for contract faculty on the Committee has been revised to include those with at least three years of experience.

The Chair reminded members that this motion includes the university's open search provision. He added that Council only has the option of deciding whether it wants this limited version of an open search.

He noted that these guidelines are intended to ensure that the diversity of the Faculty is reflected in the Search Committee.

The Chair moved this motion. It was seconded and carried.

A member noted that it is important that Council expresses its will and vision regarding an open search, even if the President overrules it.

He brought a motion to amend the proposed document to call for an open search provision at the shortlisted stage that would happen in any case without asking approval from candidates.

He noted that the motion would tell the President respectfully that Council understands the policy but has a different view.

The Chair suggested that members structure the discussion in two parts because there are two parts of the document that need to be considered. The first part is the Search Committee composition and principles of membership; the second is the open search provision.

The Chair suggested first discussing the changes to the Search Committee composition.

A member moved that instead of six there be seven full-time faculty members on the Search Committee.

The motion to amend was seconded.

A member noted the advantages of symmetry on the Committee, with two members from each of the three parts of the Faculty. The member also suggested that increasing the number of faculty members on the Committee would balance things away from other constituents of the Committee, including staff and students.

Another member asked what is the understanding of the three putative areas of the Faculty. He said it would be worth thinking about these groupings, which are arbitrary and not necessarily equitable.

A member asked if eligible contract members include CUPE-e, and the Chair responded that CUPE-e members are included.

A member asked if the Provost is a voting member of the Committee.

The Chair responded that the Provost is a voting member.

A member said that given the size of the Faculty it would be sensible to go to seven full-time faculty as a compromise between the considerations of the President and the diversity and size of Faculty.

The Chair put forward the amendment to the motion to increase the number of full-time faculty members on the decanal Search Committee to seven.

The motion to amend the original motion carried (23 in favour; 17 against).

The Chair moved to open discussion about the second proposed amendment.

A member suggested that Council follow the proposed procedures with one exception: the open search provision at the shortlisting stage happen in any case without asking for approval from the candidates.

The amendment was seconded.

A member expressed his support for an open search because without openness the search is tightly controlled by the President.

A member noted that in this climate when we are trying to build trust in the administration a half-open search is even worse than a closed search because a new Dean might have to contend with suspicion that they were the one to refuse an open search.

A member asked if the part of the open search provision that stipulates that a candidate's choice to opt out of the open search be kept confidential was drafted by Executive or the President's Office.

The Chair responded that it was from the Presidential procedures.

The member noted that someone might not want to put their name forward and present to Council because of the difficult nature of exposing oneself to Council and then not being voted in. He added that this does not necessarily mean that they have anything to hide.

He suggested amending the document to stipulate that the whole Search Committee be told who said yes or no to an open search.

A member noted that noted that the wording of the proposed amendment is unnecessarily confrontational, and suggested that Council acknowledge that the President has the authority to overrule.

The Chair asked if this was acceptable as a friendly amendment.

The mover accepted the friendly amendment.

The Chair invited a vote on the amendment to request an open decanal search. The result was 34 in favour and 11 against.

The Chair said the language in the decanal search document would be amended accordingly.

A member raised a point of order and asked that the results of this vote be included in the minutes.

The Chair confirmed that the results would be recorded.

A member asks for clarification about the point that the Search Committee will include two female faculty members and a faculty member self-identifying as belonging to a racialized group to reflect the gender and demographic diversity of the Faculty.

The member asked how non-binary colleagues are acknowledged in the document, and whether indigenous peoples are to be included in racialized groups.

The Chair asked if the member could amend language to reflect the diversity without extending the categories to be included.

A member proposed adding indigeneity as a category.

A member suggested that it might be more inclusive to include the following language in the document: 50% of the Search Committee should be from one or more of the four federally designated groups

A member asked what mechanism for self-identification would be used, and would the information come from self-identification surveys.

The Chair noted it would be a separate process of self-identification.

A member asked if every nominee would have to complete the form.

The Chair confirmed that this would be the case.

A member said 50% seemed on the low side.

A member noted they were nervous about how these guidelines would be operationalized and suggested that it be made more clear that these equity points apply only to full-time faculty members.

A member recommended using the self-identification document currently used by HR, adding that visual identification of candidates be avoided. He proposed that there also be the option to not self-identify, and suggested that Council strive to have a Committee that is demographically diverse without identifying a percentage to meet.

A member, self-identifying as trans and disabled, suggested adopting current CUPE HR language that includes the following equity groups: women, trans, gender non-conforming people, racialized groups, persons with disabilities, Indigenous peoples, and LGBTQ2 people.

They noted that saying 50% is important because otherwise it would be unclear whether it is reflecting the diversity of students or faculty.

The motion to amend language in the original motion was seconded and passed.

A member asks why the one contract faculty on the Search Committee would be elected in a separate council-wide election.

The Chair noted that he would take this into consideration.

The member requested that the election be closed because it would be terrible to stand for election, not get voted in, and then be censured.

The Chair called the question to adopt this as a recommendation for the Search Committee to be put forward to the President.

The motion was seconded and carried.

## **10. Adjournment**

It was moved, seconded, and passed to adjourn.

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Markus Reisenleitner, Chair of Council

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Colin McMahon, Secretary of Council

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## Budget Consultation

**November (#3) 2018**

Lisa Philipps, Provost & Vice-President Academic and Carol McAulay, Vice-President, Finance and Administration will present the Budget Consultation in Faculty Council on November 8, 2018.

Please see below for a link to the presentation for Council members to review in advance:

[http://www.yorku.ca/finance/documents/Budget\\_Consultation\\_Fall\\_2018.pdf](http://www.yorku.ca/finance/documents/Budget_Consultation_Fall_2018.pdf)



## Freedom of Speech Working Group Report to Council

**November (#3) 2018**

ITEM FOR INFORMATION (1):

### 1. Freedom of Speech Policy Initiative

Information regarding development of a freedom of speech policy has been posted at <https://secretariat.info.yorku.ca/freedom-of-speech-policy/>. Please click on Mandate, Policy Principles and Resources for background documentation from the policy working group. This is a very important initiative of great interest to the community.

Students, faculty and staff received an email on Monday October 29<sup>th</sup> advising them of the site and the upcoming consultation sessions currently scheduled.

The working group would also appreciate input from Faculty Council on the following questions:

1. Do you have feedback on the draft definition of free speech and draft principles?
2. Are there any gaps in our existing policies you believe should be addressed?
3. What tools/information/resources do you believe would assist with protecting the exercise of free speech on our campuses?
4. Any other comments/suggestions?

Responses from members of Faculty Council should be submitted via Machform at the link below, by Friday, November 9.

<https://univsec.apps01.yorku.ca/forms/view.php?id=11649>

## Executive Committee Report to Council

**November (#3) 2018**

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION (2):

### 1. Election Results

Elections will close Saturday November 3, 2018. When available, election results will be posted to the Faculty Council website under Council Meeting Agendas and Synopses.

<http://council.laps.yorku.ca/council-meeting-agendas-and-synopses/>

### 2. Approved Decanal Search Committee Document

#### **2018 Decanal Search Committee Composition and Selection Procedures Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies**

By request of the Provost & Vice-President Academic, the Faculty Executive Committee has drafted the following procedure for establishing a Search Committee for the new Dean of the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies. The procedure has been developed to comply with the University Procedures for Decanal Searches updated January 2018.

#### **Search Committee Composition**

- Provost & Vice-President Academic (Chair)
- **Seven** Liberal Arts & Professional Studies full-time faculty members
- **One** contract faculty member with at least three years of teaching experience at York University
- **One** non-academic employee (YUSA or CPM)
- **One** undergraduate student
- **One** graduate student
- **One** full-time faculty member drawn from outside the Faculty who is sympathetic to and has an understanding of the complexity of the Faculty (appointed by the President)
- A non-voting Secretary shall also be appointed by the President

#### **Principles of Membership**

- All members of the Search Committee must be available for meetings between late November 2018 and the conclusion of its work.

- Membership of the Search Committee should reflect the diversity of the Faculty and the Faculty's commitment to maintaining and increasing that diversity. The Search Committee's composition shall also reflect a range in terms of experience, gender, and disciplines.
- The Search Committee will include a minimum of two full-time members from each of the three areas of the Faculty (Professional Studies, Social Sciences, and Humanities).
- No more than **one** faculty member from any administrative unit in the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies shall be a member of the Committee.
- Faculty Council shall make provision for **one** Liberal Arts & Professional Studies non-academic employee (YUSA or CPM) with significant full-time York experience (preferably at least five years within the Faculty) ensuring no conflicts of interest (i.e. positions that directly report to the Dean).
- Faculty Council shall make provision for **one** undergraduate student elected by and from the Student Council of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies (SCOLAPS).
- Faculty Council shall make provision for **one** graduate student elected by and from LA&PS members of the Graduate Student Association (GSA).

## Nomination Provisions

- The Executive Committee will work to ensure that the totality of volunteers and nominees for election are reflective of the demographic diversity of the Faculty.
- Candidates will be invited to self-identify in relation to one or more of the following groups: women, trans, gender non-conforming people, racialized groups, persons with disabilities, Indigenous peoples, and LGBTQ2 conforming people.
- All candidates (faculty and staff) for election shall be invited to provide a brief biography or statement not to exceed 150 words articulating the strengths that they would bring to the Search Committee.

## Balloting Provisions

- The ballot will be conducted through the Office of the Faculty Council through both eVote and hardcopy balloting.
- All members of the Faculty shall be eligible to vote for their constituencies.

## Selection Process

The Search Committee composition as a whole will include a diverse group of people, at least 50% of whom will come from one or more of the following groups: women, trans, gender non-conforming

people, racialized groups, persons with disabilities, Indigenous peoples, and LGBTQ2 conforming people.

- **Seven** voting full-time faculty members of the Search Committee shall be chosen in an open vote consistent with principles of balance and diversity. The nominees with the highest number of votes who satisfy the criteria below will be elected to the Committee.
- Of the **seven** full-time faculty members, **two members** shall be from a Professional Studies discipline, **two** members shall be from a Humanities discipline, and **two** members shall be from a Social Science discipline.
- No more than **three** faculty members from any one of the three sections of the Faculty (Humanities, Social Sciences, and Professional Studies) shall be on the Search Committee.
- A minimum of **two** full-time faculty members of the Search Committee will have leadership experience in academic administration at the unit or Faculty level (Chairs, Directors, ADs, UPDs, GPDs).
- **One** contract faculty member with at least three years of teaching experience at York University will be elected to the Search Committee by contract faculty members. The elected contract faculty member may not be primarily affiliated with one of the units that an elected full-time faculty member comes from.
- **One** non-academic full-time staff member will be elected to the Search Committee. The individual (YUSA or CPM) staff member with the largest number of votes from its constituency (YUSA and CPM) will be elected.
- SCOLAPS will present the name of **one** undergraduate student elected by students.
- The GSA will present the name of **one** graduate student elected by fellow graduate students in LA&PS.

### Open Search Provision

After the Search Committee has interviewed its shortlisted candidates confidentially and has identified its top ranked candidates – normally the top two ranked candidates, an open stage will be added to the search process subject to the agreement of both/all candidates, in accordance with the University Procedures for Decanal Searches.

If an open stage proceeds, the Search Committee will solicit input from Faculty Council about those candidates and consider this input in their final rankings to be presented to the President. In this event, all members of Faculty Council agree to be bound by the same requirements of confidentiality as the Search Committee. Council members will provide input to the Search Committee, but members of Council will be expected to keep the names of the candidates confidential in perpetuity. The Search Committee will in any respect consult extensively with Faculty Council about the position profile for the Dean and provide regular updates throughout the search.

## Committee on Curriculum, Curricular Policy and Standards

**November (#3) 2018**

**ITEMS FOR ACTION (2):**

### **Minor Change to Existing Program EVote Results**

#### **1. Minor in Cognitive Science, Department of Philosophy**

For the Minor in Cognitive Science, replace LING 1000 6.00 with LING 2800 3.00 in Part A and eliminate LING 2800 3.00 from Part B. Move PHIL 2240 3.00 from Part B to A. This will keep the total number of credits required for the minor the same since LING 1000 was 6.00 credits and LING 2800 3.00 and PHIL 2240 3.00 are each 3.00 credits.

By further scaffolding the curriculum, introducing PHIL 2240 3.00 and LING 2800 3.00 as required courses will therefore strengthen students' ability to meet the following program learning outcomes for Cognitive Science: present the philosophical positions about the nature of the mind, engage in theoretical or empirical research aimed at discovering aspects of the mind, integrate research from psychology, philosophy, computer science, linguistics, and neuroscience, engage in critical analysis of empirical and theoretical claims about the nature of the mind, and articulate theories about the nature of the mind.

#### **2. Major in Cognitive Science, Department of Philosophy**

The department has proposed to make AP/PHIL 2240 3.00 a core course for the Cognitive Science Program (major). Currently, it is only in the list of optional courses.

The proposed change will help to improve the program's effectiveness and coherence by having Phil 2240 3.00 as an introductory course that all major students will have taken before they enroll in Phil 3260 3.00 and Phil 3750 3.00, as well as Phil 3265 3.00, and Phil 3635 3.00

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