



COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC PLANNING AND REVIEW

Thursday, February 20, 2014

TO: The Academic Senate
FROM: The Committee on Academic Planning Review (CAPR)
SUBJECT: 13-14 CAPR 12: Five-Year Program Review for Philosophy
PURPOSE: For Action by the Senate
ACTION REQUESTED: Acceptance of the Five-Year Program Review of Philosophy; it is recommended the program continues without modification. The date of the next Five-Year review is 2018-2019.

BACKGROUND:

At its meeting on May 30, 2013, CAPR invited the Department Chair of the Philosophy Department to present the 5 year review report for the Philosophy Program.

OVERVIEW OF DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED TO CAPR:

- [Philosophy Department five-Year Review 12-13](#)
- Appendix A - 07-08-philosophy-5yr-rvw.pdf
- Appendix B - Philosophy-catalogue copy 2013-2014.docx
- Appendix C - Religious Studies Minor and Option.doc
- Appendix D - Tenure Track requests.docx

CAPR ANALYSIS OF THE PROGRAM'S FIVE-YEAR REVIEW:

The Philosophy Program succeeded in meeting its primary goals from the last 5 year review and hired a tenure track faculty member in Religious Studies as well as increasing the its number of majors. Philosophy has a relatively small number of majors. This stands in contrast with the major role Philosophy plays in GE, where Philosophy shoulders an extensive burden for teaching subjects that support the GE teaching mission. The inability of Philosophy to gain approval for additional hiring in recent years leaves the Philosophy without adequate staffing to deliver either its core Program teaching mission or its closely related GE mission.

CAPR RECOMMENDATION(S) FOR CONTINUATION OF THE PROGRAM:

Philosophy plans to hire in the area of the Philosophy of Science. This hire is absolutely critical to support the mission of the Philosophy Major. Of equal if not greater importance, the goal of hiring a tenure track faculty member to provide leadership in the area of philosophy of science has the potential to substantially enhance the overall learning experience of students in all majors and strongly contributes to the General Education mission of CSUEB..

We strongly urge full support for expanding the faculty of Philosophy to enable philosophy of science to be provided within the Philosophy major, the philosophy minor and for GE.

Philosophy has good faculty involvement and assessment but needs more systematic assessment procedures and better documentation of closing the loop.

DATE OF THE PROGRAM'S NEXT FIVE-YEAR REVIEW:

AY 2018-2019