TO: Academic Senate

FROM: Committee on Instruction and Curriculum (CIC)

SUBJECT: Proposed New Options in the B.A. in Philosophy

PURPOSE: For Action by the Academic Senate

ACTION REQUESTED: That the Academic Senate Approve the Four New Options in the B.A. in Philosophy: Option in Law, Human Rights and Social Justice; Option in Science Technology and Values; Classical Philosophy Option; and Special Option; Effective Fall Quarter, 2005

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: This proposal was approved by the Department of Philosophy and by the ALSS Curriculum Subcommittee. Due to a failure of communication, which was not the fault of the Philosophy Department, the proposal was not sent to CIC during 2003-04. Because delaying consideration until the first CIC meeting of Fall Quarter would have delayed implementation of the changes for a full year (Fall 2006), the 2004-05 Committee on Instruction and Curriculum considered the proposal via e-mail in July 2004. It was approved on July 21 by a vote of 5-0-1. (Since the committee has a total of 9 members, the quorum was met.) Some questions were raised about the name of the Option in Law, Human Rights and Social Justice, but none of the members thought the questions were serious enough to warrant postponing consideration. The option changes are intended to make the Philosophy major more attractive to students.
REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF OPTION IN CLASSICAL PHILOSOPHY 
IN THE B.A. IN PHILOSOPHY

Name of the campus submitting the request and the full exact title of the proposed aggregate of courses, whether it is an option or minor.
Hayward; Option in Classical Philosophy

Full and exact title of the degree and major program under which the option will be offered.
BA, Philosophy

Options already existing under the major program for which the new aggregate of courses is proposed.
Option in Religious Study

Department(s) to offer the aggregate of courses: Philosophy

Purpose of the proposed aggregate of courses.
The department is regrouping its courses into option areas that make more clear to students the linkage between philosophy and social/cultural institutions such as science, religion, human rights, and law. These option areas provide a more coherent “package” for those students interested in philosophically investigating these institutions. The department has also developed an option that will reserve the more traditional approach to philosophical study.

Need for the proposed aggregate of courses:
The department hopes to more efficiently use the specializations of its faculty and to attract majors who would be interested in a more concretized application of philosophical study. Focus group surveys with students in philosophy courses indicated that students are generally interested in numerous philosophical topics (e.g. ethics, human rights, political theory, science) but have little understanding of what “philosophy” is. Philosophy, as they understood it, consisted of critical thinking type courses, or psychology. The new program attempts to overcome this problem by making clear to students the relevance of “philosophy” to those issues and topics in which they are interested. In other words, this revision aims at making the concept of philosophy concrete, thus demonstrating its link to the lived culture of the student.
List of all requirements including the courses, by catalog prefix, number, title, and units of credit, as well as total units to be required under the proposed option or minor.

**Option in Classical Philosophy (16- 24 units)**

The following courses in western philosophy are required: (12 units)
- PHIL 3601 Ancient & Medieval Philosophy, (4)
- PHIL 3603 Kant & German Idealism, (4)
- PHIL 3605 Seminar in Contemporary Philosophy, (4)

The following course in epistemology and metaphysics is required: (0 – 4 units)
- PHIL 3301 Epistemology, (4) (may also be taken for epistemology elective in core)

Two of the following courses in value inquiry are required: (4 units)
- PHIL 3201 Aesthetics, (4)
- PHIL 3925 Moral Values in the Modern World, (4)

One of the following courses in Asian Philosophy is required: (0 – 4 units)
- PHIL 3403 Philosophies of the East, (4) (may also count as a Social and Political Diversity elective in the core)
- PHIL 3410 Comparative Themes in Eastern and Western Philosophy, (4)

Students must take eight 4-unit courses in the core for a total of 32 units and fulfill the requirements for at least one option. Options range from 16 units to 28 units. Students may elect to fulfill as many options as they wish. The total number of units required for the major is 60, including 0-12 units of electives, depending on the option(s) chosen.

**I. CORE COURSES (32 units)**

The following courses (24 units) are required:
- PHIL 3100 Ethics (4)
- PHIL 3305 Fundamental Questions: Self, Nature and God (4)
- PHIL 3311 Metaphysics (4)
- PHIL 3602 Modern Philosophy (4)
- PHIL 3604 Twentieth Century (4)
- PHIL 4606 Seminar in Philosophy (4)

Epistemology Elective
One course (4 units) from the following:
- PHIL 3301 Theory of Knowledge (4)
- PHIL 3321 Philosophy of the Human Sciences (4)
- PHIL 3332 Philosophy of Science (4) *(Must be taken by students pursuing the Option in Science, Technology & Values)*

Social and Political Diversity Elective
One course (4 units) from the following:
PHIL 3150 Contemporary Ethics (4)
PHIL 3403 Philosophies of the East (4)
PHIL 3502 Social and Political Philosophy (4) (*Must be taken by students pursuing the Option in Law, Human Rights, and Social Justice*)
PHIL 3720 Feminist Philosophy (4)

II. **Option (16-28 units)**

See above

III. **Electives (1-12 units)**

Upper division Philosophy courses, including those not chosen from the above lists, to bring total units in major to 60.

Total units for major: 60

9. **New courses** to be developed and existing courses to be modified with the nature of the modification indicated.

10. **Additional instructional resources**—faculty, space, equipment, library volumes, computers, etc.—needed to implement and sustain the proposed aggregate of courses. List all resources needed for the first five years beyond those currently projected, including specific resources, cost, and source of funding.

None

11. **Consultation.**

All departments within the College of ALSS have been consulted

12. **Approval of college dean and college faculty review body.**

**Dean:** Original signed by Thomas Acord  **Date:** 5/18/04

**Faculty Review Body:** Original signed by Jillian Barrett  **Date:** 5/18/04
REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF SPECIAL OPTION
IN THE B.A. IN PHILOSOPHY

1. Name of the campus submitting the request and the full exact title of the proposed aggregate of courses, whether it is an option or minor.

   Hayward; Special Option

2. Full and exact title of the degree and major program under which the option will be offered.

   BA, Philosophy

3. Options already existing under the major program for which the new aggregate of courses is proposed.

   Option in Religious Studies

4. Department(s) to offer the aggregate of courses: Philosophy

5. Purpose of the proposed aggregate of courses.

   The department is regrouping its courses into option areas that make more clear to students the linkage between philosophy and social/cultural institutions such as science, religion, human rights, and law. These option areas provide a more coherent “package” for those students interested in philosophically investigating these institutions. The department has also developed an option that will reserve the more traditional approach to philosophical study.

6. Need for the proposed aggregate of courses:

   The department hopes to more efficiently use the specializations of its faculty and to attract majors who would be interested in a more concretized application of philosophical study. Focus group surveys with students in philosophy courses indicated that students are generally interested in numerous philosophical topics (e.g. ethics, human rights, political theory, science) but have little understanding of what “philosophy” is. Philosophy, as they understood it, consisted of critical thinking type courses, or psychology. The new program attempts to overcome this problem by making clear to students the relevance of “philosophy” to those issues and topics in which they are interested. In other words, this revision aims at making the concept of philosophy concrete, thus demonstrating its link to the lived culture of the student
7. List of all requirements including the courses, by catalog prefix number, title, and units of credit, as well as total units to be required under the proposed option or minor.

Special Option (20-28 units)

An option designed by the student and his or her advisor, consisting of a coherent selection of courses around an identifiable theme substantially different than any of those offered above. Must be approved by the department chair.

8. List of all requirements including courses, by catalog prefix, number, title, and units of credit, as well as total units to be required for the major in which the proposed option is to be included

Students must take eight 4-unit courses in the core for a total of 32 units and fulfill the requirements for at least one option. Options range from 16 units to 28 units. Students may elect to fulfill as many options as they wish. The total number of units required for the major is 60, including 0-12 units of electives, depending on the option(s) chosen.

I. CORE COURSES (32 units)

The following courses (24 units) are required:
PHIL 3100 Ethics (4)
PHIL 3305 Fundamental Questions: Self, Nature and God (4)
PHIL 3311 Metaphysics (4)
PHIL 3602 Modern Philosophy (4)
PHIL 3604 Twentieth Century (4)
PHIL 4606 Seminar in Philosophy (4)

Epistemology Elective
One course (4 units) from the following:
PHIL 3301 Theory of Knowledge (4)
PHIL 3321 Philosophy of the Human Sciences (4)
PHIL 3332 Philosophy of Science (4) (Must be taken by students pursuing the Option in Science, Technology & Values)

Social and Political Diversity Elective
One course (4 units) from the following:
PHIL 3150 Contemporary Ethics (4)
PHIL 3403 Philosophies of the East (4)
PHIL 3502 Social and Political Philosophy (4) (Must be taken by students pursuing the Option in Law, Human Rights, and Social Justice)
PHIL 3720 Feminist Philosophy (4)

II. Option (16-28 units)

See above
III. **Electives (1-12 units)**

Upper division Philosophy courses, including those not chosen from the above lists, to bring total units in major to 60.

Total units for major: 60

9. **New courses** to be developed and existing **courses** to be **modified** with the nature of the modification indicated.

None

10. **Additional instructional resources**--faculty, space, equipment, library volumes, computers, etc.--needed to implement and sustain the proposed aggregate of courses. List all resources needed for the first five years beyond those currently projected, including specific resources, cost, and source of funding.

None

11. **Consultation.**

All departments within the College of ALSS have been consulted.

12. **Approval** of **college dean** and **college faculty review body**.

**Dean:** Original signed by Thomas Acord

Date: 5/18/04

**Faculty Review Body:** Original signed by Diane Beeson

Date: 5/18/04
REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF OPTION IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & VALUES
IN THE B.A. IN PHILOSOPHY

1. Name of the campus submitting the request and the full exact title of the proposed aggregate of courses, whether it is an option or minor.
   Hayward; Option in Science, Technology, & Values

2. Full and exact title of the degree and major program under which the option will be offered.
   BA, Philosophy

3. Options already existing under the major program for which the new aggregate of courses is proposed.
   Option in Religious Study

4. Department(s) to offer the aggregate of courses: Philosophy

5. Purpose of the proposed aggregate of courses.
   The department is regrouping its courses into option areas that make more clear to students the linkage between philosophy and social/cultural institutions such as science, religion, human rights, and law. These option areas provide a more coherent “package” for those students interested in philosophically investigating these institutions. The department has also developed an option that will reserve the more traditional approach to philosophical study.

6. Need for the proposed aggregate of courses:
   The department hopes to more efficiently use the specializations of its faculty and to attract majors who would be interested in a more concretized application of philosophical study. Focus group surveys with students in philosophy courses indicated that students are generally interested in numerous philosophical topics (e.g. ethics, human rights, political theory, science) but have little understanding of what “philosophy” is. Philosophy, as they understood it, consisted of critical thinking type courses, or psychology. The new program attempts to overcome this problem by making clear to students the relevance of “philosophy” to those issues and topics in which they are interested. In other words, this revision aims at making the concept of philosophy concrete, thus demonstrating its link to the lived culture of the student.

7. List of all requirements including the courses, by catalog prefix number, title, and units of credit, as to be required under the proposed option or minor.
Option in Science, Technology & Values  (24 units)

The following two courses are required: (8 units)
PHIL 3331 History of Science, (4)
PHIL/SCI 3335 Science, Technology, and Values, (4)

Two courses in the nature of knowledge: (8 units)
PHIL 3301 Theory of Knowledge, (4)
PHIL 3321 Philosophy of the Human Sciences, (4)
PHIL 3341 Philosophy of Cognition and Artificial Intelligence, (4)

Two courses in the ethics of particular technologies: (8 units)
PHIL 3151 Environmental Ethics, (4)
PHIL 3152 Medical Ethics, (4)
PHIL 3153 Biology and Ethics, (4)

One of the following lower division courses may be counted towards fulfillment of this requirement:
PHIL 1103 Science, Ethics, and Technology, (4)
PHIL 2028 Philosophy, Technology and Culture, (4)

8. List of all requirements including courses, by catalog prefix, number, title, and units of credit, as well as total units to be required for the major in which the proposed option is to be included.

Students must take eight 4-unit courses in the core for a total of 32 units and fulfill the requirements for at least one option. Options range from 16 units to 28 units. Students may elect to fulfill as many options as they wish. The total number of units required for the major is 60, including 0-12 units of electives, depending on the option(s) chosen.

I. CORE COURSES (32 units)

The following courses (24 units) are required:
PHIL 3100 Ethics (4)
PHIL 3305 Fundamental Questions: Self, Nature and God (4)
PHIL 3311 Metaphysics (4)
PHIL 3602 Modern Philosophy (4)
PHIL 3604 Twentieth Century (4)
PHIL 4606 Seminar in Philosophy (4)

Epistemology Elective
One course (4 units) from the following:
PHIL 3301 Theory of Knowledge (4)
PHIL 3321 Philosophy of the Human Sciences (4)
PHIL 3332 Philosophy of Science (4) *(Must be taken by students pursuing the Option in Science, Technology & Values)*

Social and Political Diversity Elective
One course (4 units) from the following:
PHIL 3150 Contemporary Ethics (4)
PHIL 3403 Philosophies of the East (4)
PHIL 3502 Social and Political Philosophy (4) (*Must be taken by students pursuing the Option in Law, Human Rights, and Social Justice*)
PHIL 3720 Feminist Philosophy (4)

II. Option (16-28 units)

See above

III. Electives (1-12 units)

Upper division Philosophy courses, including those not chosen from the above lists, to bring total units in major to 60.

Total units for major: 60

9. **New courses** to be developed and existing courses to be **modified** with the nature of the modification indicated.
   None

10. **Additional instructional resources**—faculty, space, equipment, library volumes, computers, etc.—needed to implement and sustain the proposed aggregate of courses. List all resources needed for the first five years beyond those currently projected, including specific resources, cost, and source of funding.
   None

11. **Consultation.**
    All departments within the College of ALSS have been consulted

12. **Approval of college dean** and **college faculty review body.**

    **Dean:** Original signed by Thomas Acord  
    **Date:** 5/18/04

    **Faculty Review Body:** Original signed by Diane Beeson  
    **Date:** 5/18/04
REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF OPTION IN LAW, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND SOCIAL JUSTICE
IN THE B.A. IN PHILOSOPHY

1. Name of the campus submitting the request and the full exact title of the proposed aggregate of courses, whether it is an option or minor.
   Hayward; Option in Law, Human Rights, and Social Justice

2. Full and exact title of the degree and major program under which the option will be offered.
   BA, Philosophy

3. Options already existing under the major program for which the new aggregate of courses is proposed.
   Option in Religious Studies

4. Department(s) to offer the aggregate of courses: Philosophy

5. Purpose of the proposed aggregate of courses.

   The department is regrouping its courses into option areas that make more clear to students the linkage between philosophy and social/cultural institutions such as science, religion, human rights, and law. These option areas provide a more coherent “package” for those students interested in philosophically investigating these institutions. The department has also developed an option that will reserve the more traditional approach to philosophical study.

6. Need for the proposed aggregate of courses:

   The department hopes to more efficiently use the specializations of its faculty and to attract majors who would be interested in a more concretized application of philosophical study. Focus group surveys with students in philosophy courses indicated that students are generally interested in numerous philosophical topics (e.g. ethics, human rights, political theory, science) but have little understanding of what “philosophy” is. Philosophy, as they understood it, consisted of critical thinking type courses, or psychology. The new program attempts to overcome this problem by making clear to students the relevance of “philosophy” to those issues and topics in which they are interested. In other words, this revision aims at making the concept of philosophy concrete, thus demonstrating its link to the lived culture of the student.

7. List of all requirements including the courses, by catalog prefix number, title, and units of credit, as well as total units to be required under the proposed option or minor.
Option in Law, Human Rights, and Social Justice (24-28 units)

Three courses in philosophy of law and social justice are required: (12 units)
- PHIL 3503 Philosophy of Law, (4)
- PHIL 3510 Human Rights & Social Justice: Cultural Groups and Women in the US, (4)
- PHIL 3511 Philosophy of Human Rights & Global Justice, (4)

Two courses in applied ethics from the following list are required: (8 units)
- PHIL 3151 Environmental Ethics, (4)
- PHIL/MGMT 3560 Business and Professional Ethics, (4)
- PHIL 3152 Medical Ethics, (4)
- PHIL 3153 Biology and Ethics, (4)

Two courses in social and political philosophy from the following list are required: (4 – 8 units)
- PHIL 3321 Philosophy of the Human Sciences, (4) (may also count as an Epistemology elective in the core)
- PHIL 3325 Cultural Studies, (4)
- PHIL/SCI 3335 Science, Technology and Values, (4)
- PHIL 3636 Economic Justice, (4)
- PHIL 3720 Feminist Philosophy, (4)
- PHIL 3925 Moral Values in the Modern World, (4)

One of the following lower division courses may be counted towards fulfillment of this requirement:
- PHIL 1101 Philosophy of Gender, (4)
- PHIL 2020 Self, Family, Culture, (4)
- PHIL 2027 Law, Economics and Justice, (4)
- PHIL 2028 Philosophy, Technology, and Culture, (4)
- PHIL 2029 Philosophical Perspectives on the Problem of Evil, (4)

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I. Core Courses (32 units)

The following courses (24 units) are required:
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- PHIL 3305 Fundamental Questions: Self, Nature and God (4)
- PHIL 3311 Metaphysics (4)
- PHIL 3602 Modern Philosophy (4)
- PHIL 3604 Twentieth Century (4)
- PHIL 4606 Seminar in Philosophy (4)
Epistemology Elective
One course (4 units) from the following:
PHIL 3301 Theory of Knowledge (4)
PHIL 3321 Philosophy of the Human Sciences (4)
PHIL 3332 Philosophy of Science (4) (Must be taken by students pursuing the Option in Science, Technology & Values)

Social and Political Diversity Elective
One course (4 units) from the following:
PHIL 3150 Contemporary Ethics (4)
PHIL 3403 Philosophies of the East (4)
PHIL 3502 Social and Political Philosophy (4) (Must be taken by students pursuing the Option in Law, Human Rights, and Social Justice)
PHIL 3720 Feminist Philosophy (4)

II. Option (16-28 units)

See above

III. Electives (1-12 units)
Upper division Philosophy courses, including those not chosen from the above lists, to bring total units in major to 60.

Total units for major: 60

9. New courses to be developed and existing courses to be modified with the nature of the modification indicated.
   None

10. Additional instructional resources--faculty, space, equipment, library volumes, computers, etc.--needed to implement and sustain the proposed aggregate of courses. List all resources needed for the first five years beyond those currently projected, including specific resources, cost, and source of funding.
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