**To:** Meg Daly, Chair of ASCC

**From:** Richard Fletcher, Chair of ASCC Arts and Humanities Panel

 February 1, 2017

Dear Meg,

At our meeting on Friday, January 20, the Arts and Humanities Panel 2 reviewed the requested revision to the Philosophy BA.

The proposal to the Major (no changes to the Minor), for which the total credit hours remains the same, was to decrease both Core Philosophical Topics courses and History of Philosophy courses from 3 to 2 and to add 2 electives at or above 3000 level. In addition, 2 courses (3680, Philosophy of Biology and 3820 Philosophy of Perception) were to be deleted from the list of Core Philosophical Topic, while 3300, Moral Philosophy is no longer required, but is added to the list of Core Philosophical Topics.

The rationale for these changes, following a self-study, is to give more flexibility to the Major to included newly developed 3000 level courses. The revision would mean that students have two fewer required courses but the same number of total credit hours required; this opens up room for each major to take two more electives at or above the 3000 level, which will broaden their program of study, without sacrificing depth.

The panel were supportive of this proposal and deemed the trimming of required courses appropriate given the added availability of electives to reflect new diversity of offerings.

We voted unanimously to approve the revision to the Philosophy BA and recommend the approval of the revision at the ASCC.

Yours faithfully,

Richard Fletcher

ASCC Arts and Humanities Panel 2 Chair