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Dear Chair and Members of the Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee:

On Tuesday, April 15th, the Arts and Humanities Subcommittee 1 reviewed a request from the Department of Philosophy to establish a new AI Ethics and Society Certificate.

As described in the proposal, the certificate will "provide students from across the University and outside the University the opportunity to complete a non-technical but otherwise comprehensive program of study of artificial intelligence that is fundamentally interdisciplinary, engaging with multiple perspectives from different fields across the arts, sciences, and humanities." The proposal explains that current AI course offerings at the University rarely draw upon such interdisciplinary, humanities-centered approaches.

As justification for the new program, the proposal notes that some peer institutions, such as Penn State, are exploring possibilities for interdisciplinary study of AI, but none of their efforts has coalesced yet into an undergraduate program. Moreover, courses offered by these peer institutions are housed in computer science or engineering programs rather than in a humanities department, as this certificate would be.

A&H Subcommittee 1 voted unanimously to approve the request with no contingencies. The proposal is now advanced to the ASCC with a motion to approve.

Warm regards,

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Chair, ASC A&H Subcommittee 1