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| To: | Cara Meade, Chair of CAPC |
| From: | Sunita Manian, Coordinator, PALS |
| cc: | Funke Fontenot, Associate Dean of COAS and Chair of COAS C&I Committee |
| Date: | September 9, 2013 |
| Re: | Religion concentration within the Philosophy major |
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The Philosophy Program proposes a Religion concentration within the Philosophy major. It is important to note the following regarding the proposal:

* This is a concentration within an existing major (Philosophy) and not a new major or program of study;
* The courses that will count towards the major are already being offered regularly and the new concentration will only give students the ability to use these existing courses towards a Religion concentration;
* No new faculty or other resources will be needed for this concentration;

The following timeline shows the administrative processes and reviews that the proposal for a Religion concentration within the existing Philosophy major has undergone:

**2011-12** The proposal was reviewed, voted on and approved by COAS C&I (March 9, 2012) and CAPC (April 6, 2012), but was tabled by the full body of the Senate (April 20, 2012) because there was no one from the Philosophy program to answer questions that came up (the Philosophy faculty had presented the proposal to CAPC where it was approved and were unaware that their presence may be required again in the meeting of the full Senate).

**Fall 2012**In response to questions that arose during the 4/20/12 Senate meeting, Jim Winchester, Coordinator of the Philosophy program, worked with the Registrar, Kay Anderson, to re-word the proposal to clarify that this was not a new major but a concentration within the major.  At that time Funke Fontenot, Chair of COAS C&I committee, suggested that the revisions be sent to C&I as an informational item to update them on the changes (February 8, 2013). Since the COAS C&I committee has already reviewed and approved the content of the proposal she did not see the need for the committee to vote on the proposal again.

**Spring 2013**: The Interim Provost approved the C&I motion (February 26, 2013).  The proposal was then sent by Funke Fontenot to CAPC in April, 2013, but it was too late for CAPC to vote on the proposal.  The Philosophy program was informed that this proposal would be voted on by CAPC at their next meeting (Fall 2013).

**Fall 2013**: CAPC reviewed and approved the proposal (August 23, 3013).