Agenda- PhD Committee meeting
April 11, 2017
11:00 – 12:30 am
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1. Updates
   a. Admissions and acceptances
      i. Hayim Katsman - accepted
      ii. Francis Abugbilla - accepted
      iii. Seth Kane - accepted
      iv. Stephen Li - accepted
      v. Smitha Rao is deciding
         All students have received funding letters for their first year.
   b. General exams
      i. One student taking general exam in spring quarter
      ii. All other students passed, 3 students received a high pass
   c. Spring funding
      i. No updates at this time.

2a. PhD Committee mission statement
    Motion to vote to accept amendment to Ph.D. committee statement. Vote: all in favor.

2b. Funding
    Nathalie proposed that the committee submit a letter to Resat with the collective suggestions
    for Ph.D. program funding. Vanessa will draft a letter and send around to the committee for review
    before emailing to Resat.

    Motion to invite Kate Kilpatrick to Ph.D. committee meeting. Vote: all in favor.

    Suggestion to invite Sarah Guthu to meeting as well. Nathalie proposes an additional meeting to
    meet with Kate and Sarah; will send a Doodle poll.

3b. Covering required courses
    Committee reviewed QPRs and APRs. Each Ph.D. student was ranked on a scale of 1-5,
    low score 1, high score 5.

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    • Field seminar class schedule has caused issues for students, including small class sizes and
    classes with a majority of MA students. This is a larger issue that will be added to the agenda for
    a future meeting.
    • Course committees could be created for each field seminar
    • Question about the field seminar syllabi; required reading vary depending on the seminar.
      Noted, the syllabi were initially created by the committees
    • Suggested that core texts may be identified that would be required for all of the field seminars
    • Suggested a foundation of social theory in field seminars
    • This topic will be continued in the next committee meeting