

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 decidingAll 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