

## Philosophy Committee

The Philosophy Committee acts on all matters relating to the philosophy major and minor. The committee consists of all permanent members of the philosophy faculty. The Director of Philosophy chairs the committee. A student representative is nominated by the faculty members on the committee. Visiting, adjunct, or affiliate faculty in philosophy may also be invited to attend meetings of the committee.

All members of the committee vote in policy-making decisions; the student member may not vote on individual student programs or on personnel decisions. Visiting, adjunct, or affiliate faculty in philosophy but will not have voting privileges.

The committee meets throughout the year as needed.

### Responsibilities

#### Policy making

- The committee develops and approves proposals for changes in the undergraduate philosophy curriculum.
- The committee makes all other policy decisions relevant to the undergraduate philosophy major and minor.

#### Individual student programs

- The committee reads and evaluates essays assigned to graduating seniors who take the senior thesis courses (as part of the Outcomes Assessment Program).
- The committee supervises advising for philosophy major and minor.

#### Administration

- The committee develops topics for the Philosophy Colloquia.
- The committee assists the Director of Philosophy in the development of the seven-year review of the program.
- The committee serves as the search committee for filling vacancies in the Philosophy faculty. The Chair of English and Philosophy will not participate in the search but may veto recommendations of the search committee.
- The Philosophy Committee serves as the PPR review committee for philosophy faculty. The person under review recuses him/herself from committee participation for his/her review. Additions of tenure-track faculty to the committee may be made as necessary, as provided by College of Arts and Letters evaluation policy.

## Program promotion

- The committee assists the Chair of the department in publicizing the philosophy major and minor.

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