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Dr. Jason Winfree Philosophy and Modern Languages

RE: Philosophy Academic Program Review

Dear Dr. Winfree:

Thank you for joining me to discuss the Academic Program Review for the Philosophy Department. It was a pleasure to read your thoughtful and comprehensive self-study and to talk with you about the future of the Philosophy program.

I commend you and your department colleagues for your strong commitment to student learning and success. That commitment is clearly demonstrated through the program's service to students – in the Philosophy major, to other majors, and in General Education. I was also pleased to see the program's commitment to the achievement of student learning outcomes and the dedicated work of your assessment coordinator, Dr. Chris Turner.

During our APR meeting, I was interested to learn more about the growth of your program and continued growth with the pre-law minor. It is clear that intentional work has been completed to emphasize recruitment in the program through General Education. We also noted the upcoming FERP of Dr. Andy Young – who teaches in two critical areas – History of Critical Thinking and Eastern Philosophy.

The result of this Academic Program Review is that your program is approved for continuance with unqualified support. I encourage you to continue to assess program and learning outcomes in ways that will help make meaningful improvements for students, and appreciate your intention to focus on GE, in line with the recertification process.

Again, I extend my sincere appreciation for the opportunity to meet with you and discuss your self-study and implementation plan. I look forward to working with you in the future and supporting your vision for Philosophy at Stan State.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Greer

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs