TO: Trudy Turner
Secretary of the University

FROM: David P. Clark
Acting Dean, Letters and Science

DATE: April 13, 2017

RE: Recommendation of the Department of Philosophy and the Faculty of the College of Letters and Science to grant faculty status to Matthew Knachel, PhD

We have received a recommendation from the Department of Philosophy and the Faculty of the College of Letters and Science to grant Matthew Knachel, PhD faculty status. Enclosed please find a copy below approved as Fac. Doc. No. 1008.

Matthew Knachel is a full-time Senior Lecturer in the Philosophy Department, who has recently been promoted to probationary status. The Executive Committee of the Philosophy Department voted unanimously (in fall 2016) to recognize Knachel with Faculty status both in the department and in the college. Knachel is willing and extraordinarily able to contribute to governance and service, and Faculty status enables him to serve. Given recent reductions in Faculty, achieving representation of the Philosophy Department on governance committees is more difficult. This proposal helps with that problem. The Philosophy Department is convinced that Knachel is highly qualified for Faculty status. He earned his PhD in Philosophy from the University of Pittsburgh in 2014 (University of Pittsburgh has one of the best PhD programs in Philosophy in the country). Knachel is a gifted and innovative teacher (he has written his own Logic textbook, which he uses in the Logic course he regularly teaches). The Philosophy Department attests that Matt Knachel is an extraordinarily helpful, responsible, reasonable, and cooperative member of the committees on which he serves.

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Enclosure
cc: William Bristow, Chair, Department of Philosophy
     Matthew Knachel, Department of Philosophy
     Assistant Dean Michael Darnell, L&S
College of Letters and Science Faculty Document 1008
March 10, 2017

Recommendation of the Department of Philosophy to grant Matthew Knachel, PhD faculty status

Recommendation:
That the L&S Faculty recommend to the Dean approval of the recommendation that would grant Matthew Knachel faculty status per the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee’s Policies and Procedures

Rationale:
Please see the rationale below:

In accordance with UWM Policies and Procedures (Chapter 2 (2.02(3)):
   a. Subject to the approval of the Faculty Senate
      1. the Faculty of non-departmentalized schools or colleges may designate members of its academic staff with training, experience and responsibility comparable to those in the faculty ranks as voting members of its faculty.
      2. an affirmative recommendation by the department of the Faculty of departmentalized schools or colleges may designate academic staff with training, experience and responsibility comparable to those in the faculty ranks and who have voting rights in the department as voting members of the schools or colleges.
   b. The foregoing does not deny voting rights to any person holding same prior to enactment of this legislation. Such definition does not imply University Faculty status as defined in 1.01(1)

the Department of Philosophy faculty committee voted unanimously on October 14, 2016 to grant voting rights in the department to Matthew Knachel, PhD. The Department of Philosophy also proposes that the Faculty of the College of Letters and Science grant Dr. Knachel voting rights within College.
Matthew Knachel

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

2014 University of Pittsburgh, PhD, Philosophy
2003 University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, MA, Philosophy
1999 University of Dayton, Bachelor’s Degree, General Studies

Appointments

Senior Lecturer, Philosophy, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (2013 – present)
Lecturer, Philosophy, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (2008 – 2013)

Areas of Interest

Philosophy of Language, Early Analytic Philosophy, Logic

Books

http://dc.uwm.edu/phil_facbooks/1

Teaching

As Lecturer

Modern Deductive Logic
Informal Logic - Critical Reasoning (in class and online)
Elementary Logic (in class and online)
Introduction to Asian Religions
Introduction to Metaphysics
Belief, Knowledge, and Truth: An Introduction to the Theory of Knowledge
Introduction to the Philosophy of Science

As Graduate Student - Pittsburgh

Spring 2007 Logic, Teaching Assistant (TA)
Fall 2006 Political Philosophy, TA
Summer 2005 History of Modern Philosophy, Instructor
Spring 2005 History of Modern Philosophy, TA
Fall 2004 Minds and Machines, TA
As Graduate Student - Milwaukee

Spring 2003  Modern Deductive Logic, Grader
Fall 2001 – Spring 2003  Elementary Logic, TA

Special Teaching Activities and Service

L&S Degree Requirements Review Subcommittee, 2016 - 2017
UW-Milwaukee CETL Teaching and Learning Symposium, 2016, 2017
Philosophy Department TA Coordinator, 2015 – present
Reviewed Forall x: Introductory Textbook in Formal Logic by PD Magnus for the University of Minnesota Open Textbook Library, 2016
Presented at UWM Library “brown bag” session on authoring open textbooks, 2016
Freshman Orientation “Mission: Possible” presenter, 2016
Box captain, UWM Hunger Task Force Food Drive, 2016
Volunteer judge, UWM Undergraduate Research Symposium, 2016
CETL Workshop: Grading Schemes that Support Preparation, Attendance, and Engagement, 2016
CETL Workshop: Critical Thinking in UWM Active Learning Classrooms, 2016
Special Registration Deputy, Milwaukee, 2016
Philosophy Department Committee on Marketing Philosophy, 2015 – 2016
UW-Milwaukee Common Read facilitator, 2015
Designed and conducted a summer GRE Review Seminar for graduate students and philosophy majors, 2010, 2015, 2016
Philosophy 211, Elementary Logic
  Authored comprehensive packet of course notes for students, 2011
  Developed online version of the course, 2012
Philosophy 111, Informal Logic – Critical Reasoning
  Developed online version of the course, 2009

Certifications

UW-Milwaukee Certificate of Online and Blended Teaching, 2016

Professional Affiliations

American Federation of Teachers
American Association of University Professors
American Philosophical Association
American Association of Philosophy Teachers

Honors and Awards

2013 Student Success Award, UW-Milwaukee
Andrew W. Mellon Predoctoral Fellowship, U. of Pittsburgh
Chancellor’s Fellowship, UW-Milwaukee
Peltz Memorial Award, UW-Milwaukee
Ohio Board of Regents Scholarship, U. of Dayton
Full Academic Scholarship, U. of Dayton
National Merit Scholarship Winner, U. of Dayton
Dean’s List, U. of Dayton

Languages

English, native speaker
German, reading, intermediate speaking

Further documentation, references available by request.