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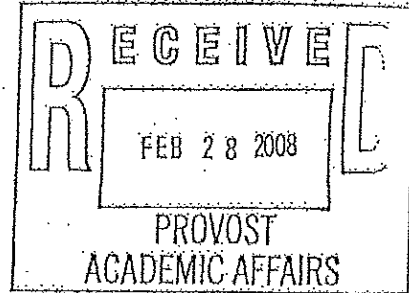
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MEMORANDUM

To: Robert N. Shelton, President
Eugene G. Sander, Executive Vice President and Provost
Edward Donnerstein, Dean, SBS

From: David Schmitz, Kendrick Professor of Philosophy
J. Christopher Maloney, Head, Philosophy

Re: Proposal to Establish the University of Arizona Philosophy of Freedom Center

Date: February 27, 2008

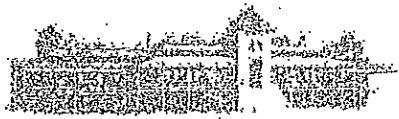
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Proposal to Establish
The University of Arizona
Philosophy of Freedom Center

We propose to create the University of Arizona Center for the Philosophy of Freedom. The Center's mission would be to advance the philosophical understanding of human freedom in the political, economic, social, and personal domains. Our instrument would be a formally designated autonomous center charged, first, with undertaking critically important research on the most important and pressing issues pertaining to freedom, liberty, and justice and, second, teaching this foundational scholarship to the most promising graduate students in the world while also opening the door to this important domain to rising undergraduates.

Here we respectfully request the authorization of the Dean of SBS, the Provost and President to prepare a formal proposal to the Arizona Board of Regents to establish the University of Arizona Center for the Philosophy of Freedom within the Department of Philosophy.

We anticipate securing substantial external financial support sufficient to fund the Center through an initial period of 3 to ten years. We envision securing external funding of approximately \$1,000,000 annually to cover all yearly Center costs, including personnel and operations, for a period of 5 to 10 years, after which time a sunset review of the Center would determine its continuation. Our confidence in securing external funding for the Center arises from the success of Professor Schmitz over the last several years in securing external funding presently amounting to \$338,000 annually in support of his research and teaching on topics pertaining to the philosophy of freedom.



Our aspirations arise from the continuing research achievements of the current Freedom Program, led by Kendrick Professor of Philosophy David Schmidt within the Department of Philosophy. To achieve our rising objectives, we aim to appoint to the new Center for the Philosophy of Freedom faculty who will form a coherent and intellectually synergistic cluster of scholars whose complementary independent research programs would cover the moral and economic foundations of markets, classical liberal society, and freedom in general. Our vision is that these creative and influential thinkers would be officed in close proximity, would have a contiguous meeting space for productive discussion, interaction and collaboration, and would have the support of an office manager and a technical assistant. Faculty would teach two or three courses annually and would be tangibly and productively immersed in research and in the daily intellectual life of the center. We envision hiring faculty who will improve the stature and influence of the Philosophy Department and, thereby, enhance our ongoing recruitment of the absolute best graduate students in the world in the area of political philosophy.

To achieve these goals, we envision a hiring process devoting strict attention to the achievements and promise of the faculty we hire. We will hire faculty with a passion for writing and a complementary passion for critical, analytical, collaborative discussion of the research programs of their colleagues. The University of Arizona Center for the Philosophy of Freedom shall be a free market in ideas, all subject to the rigors of a market that demands truth, honesty and integrity.

We currently teach a course on the Ethics and Economics of Wealth Creation. This course, Phil/Econ 205, is cross-listed between Philosophy and Economics, satisfies an Ethics requirement in the Business School, and satisfies a General Education requirement on the main campus. We originally set this course up to be taught every semester with a cap of 350. We taught it for the first time in Fall 2007, in pilot form, with a cap of 180, and are teaching it this spring with a cap of 270, after regrettably turning many eager students away. The current plan is for Professor Schmidt and James E. Rogers Professor of Philosophy Gerald Gaus each to teach the course in alternating semesters to 350 students per offering. However, since both of these professors have many other competing duties, the sustained excellence of Phil 205 requires the appointment, on externally provided funds, of at least one additional permanent faculty member who would teach this course while also contributing substantially to the research efforts of the Freedom Center.

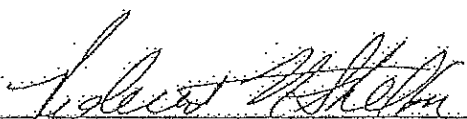
We also currently offer a two-course sequence in the Philosophy of Freedom: Phil 320a (Conceptions of Freedom: social democratic, libertarian, objectivist, existentialist; and Phil 320b (Dimensions of Freedom: political, economic, moral, religious, cultural, psychological) David Schmidt created these very successful and high-demand upper division courses, but his various commitments compete with his annually teaching the pair of freedom courses. Thus we aspire to hire, again on external funds, at least one more faculty member and ideally two more. Here too the new faculty would contribute to the research of the Freedom Center.

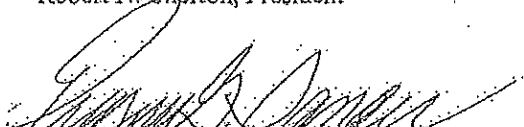
We here also ask the Dean and Provost each to confirm that each of them will provide funds to provide all salary and ERE costs for two tenured or tenure-eligible positions in the Center upon the conclusion of its initial sunset review contingent upon the same positions having been fully funded by external sources throughout the existence of the Center prior to its initial sunset review. In this case, the Dean will have assured post-sunset review for two positions, and the Provost will have assured post-sunset review for another two positions.


We request permission of the Dean, Provost and President to show this proposal, carrying their signatures below, to prospective sources of external funding for the Center in the context of our preparation of our formal proposal to the Board of Regents. Our aim would be then to secure external funding for the Center while preparing the formal proposal.

We thank you for your kind consideration and strong support.

c James H. Moore, Jr. President, University of Arizona Foundation

Approved:  3/8/08
Robert N. Shelton, President Date

Approved:  3/4/08
Eugene G. Sander, Executive Vice President and Provost Date

Approved:  2/25/08
Edward Donnerstein, Dean, SBS Date