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To: The Curriculum Committee
From: Otávio Bueno, Professor and Chair (Department of Philosophy)
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Re: Philosophy of Mathematics Track

The Philosophy Department would like to offer a Philosophy of Mathematics Track within our major. The motivation for this track is to provide philosophy majors with the opportunity to explore important connections between philosophy and mathematics as part of their philosophical training. Throughout its history, philosophy has maintained significant relations with mathematics. In fact, some of the major philosophers were also mathematicians or developed philosophical views that were shaped by their understanding of mathematics (Descartes and Plato are clear examples). This track is built to increase the exposure of students to these connections, and two new courses have been added to our curriculum to this effect: PHI 346 (Philosophy of Mathematics) and PHI 506 (Mathematical Logic).

This track has also been discussed with the Mathematics Department, and it has their support. In fact, the Mathematics Department is also creating a new philosophy of mathematics track within their major, for which they have our support.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Otávio Bueno'.

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