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To: Emily Tai, Academic Senate Steering Committee

From: Philip A. Pecorino, Chairperson, Committee on Curriculum

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Subject: Monthly Report

The Committee on Curriculum has approved of the following new course and forwards this for the consideration of the Academic Senate.

Courses Additions

I. Department of Social Sciences

SS-665 American Philosophy 3 class hours 3 credits

Prerequisites: BE122 OR BE226

A survey of major American thinkers from colonial times to the present. Figures such as Emerson, Thoreau, Peirce, James, Royce, C.I. Lewis and Dewey will be considered.

Rationale – This course is needed as a way to engage learners in understanding Philosophy and developing their critical thinking skill through a study of thinkers nearer in time to their experiences and to their background knowledge of American history. It is also needed as part of an American Studies program for those who want to learn more of American History, culture and thought.

It would likely be offered once each year with class size set by the Writing Intensive class limit.