

Memorandum

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To: Alexander Izrailevsky, *Associate Professor of Philosophy*, Salt Lake Community College
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Subject: *Framework of Friendship*

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This memorandum memorializes a *Framework of Friendship* between the Department of Philosophy at Salt Lake Community College (SLCC) and the Department of Philosophy at the University of Utah (U of U). It is a formal recognition of our partnership in the State of Utah aimed at training students in philosophy and promoting the value of research in our field to our community (among other aims). It is an acknowledgment that it is through partnership and friendship that we are each better positioned to fulfill the missions given to us by the State of Utah.

To that end, some of the concrete expressions of this Framework of Friendship include the following goals:

- The construction of a 'SLCC Track' to facilitate and encourage transfer students from SLCC to the U of U's PHIL major;
- The encouragement of collaboration between the U of U undergraduate philosophy club and SLCC students and student groups;
- The invitation to SLCC students to attend and submit papers to the U of U graduate student philosophy conference;
- Developing a systematic and mentored structure that sees U of U graduate students teaching courses at SLCC;
- Jointly hosting summer teaching seminars and pedagogical workshops;
- The invitation of SLCC faculty to participate in graduate pedagogical training, with a specific aim of preparing interested graduate students for teaching at community colleges;
- The invitation of U of U faculty to give public talks on SLCC's campus in collaboration with SLCC faculty and students;
- The participation of U of U advisors and faculty in meetings with SLCC students about transferring to the U of U program;

- The encouragement of common reading groups and other intellectual activities between SLCC and U of U faculty and graduate students; and
- Other collaborative efforts that might promote the value of philosophy to our local communities, leaders, and legislators.

We the undersigned endorse this *Framework of Friendship* between our programs, and look forward to a continued and fruitful partnership. We are deeply committed to the value of the serious pursuit of philosophy, and how much this can benefit our students and community. We aim to provide a model for how we might work together on these and other goals.

In Friendship:

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