

ATTACHMENT A



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To: Dr. Greg Claypool, Chair, Academic Programs Committee

From: Tom Shipka, Chair, Philosophy & Religious Studies

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Shipka', written in a cursive style.

Re: Your Inquiry about the WCBA Program Proposal

Thanks for your invitation to attend a meeting on Friday, March 29, about the WCBA Program Proposal. I do not intend to participate in the March 29 meeting because I have no concerns about the proposal except, perhaps, that the delay in its approval and implementation could result in some underenrolled sections of Introduction to Professional Ethics (PHIL 625) in fall 1996. Anticipating an increase in demand for this course in fall 1996 since it will be required of business majors, I scheduled additional sections next fall sprinkled throughout the day and evening. I am prepared to schedule as many sections of this course as necessary in the future.

Further, anticipating the influx of **business** students in PHIL 625, I have assigned as instructors full-time and part-time faculty with practical business experience. These include Dr. Cynthia Brincat, Dr. J-C. Smith, Professor Vincent Lisi, and Dr. I Larry Udell. Dr. Brincat, who holds a Ph.D. in philosophy from Loyola University, has worked in the field of consumer finance for her father, CEO of Mercury Finance, a corporation on the New York Stock Exchange. (Mr. Brincat was featured two years ago in Forbes Magazine.) Dr. Smith, who holds a Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Arizona, worked for ten years in a variety of roles in the private sector - comptroller, CEO, business manager, and accountant - before he pursued his graduate education. Professor Lisi, a part-time faculty member with master's degrees in theology and philosophy, has been a licensed nursing home administrator in Ohio since 1985 and currently administers the Autumn Hills Care Center in Trumbull County. (He has also taught Business Ethics for five years at Penn State - Shenango.) Dr. Udell, also a part-time faculty member with a doctorate in philosophy from The Ohio State University, is a licensed real estate agent with Century 21 - Mill Creek Realty Group, Inc. Persons with this mix of academic credentials and practical experience will be an asset to business majors in exploring professional ethics.

Please contact me at x3447 if I can be of further assistance.

cc: Dean Brothers, Dean Licata, Dr. Deiderick, Dr. Kasuganti, Dr. Tackett