




College of Humanities, Arts, and
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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TO: Ken Barish, Chair
Riverside Division of the Academic Senate

FROM: Rachel Wu, Chair 
CHASS Executive Committee

RE: Proposal: Master of Science (M.S.) degree in Artificial Intelligence (AI)

The CHASS Faculty Executive Committee (FEC) discussed the proposal for a MS in Artificial Intelligence, and we were glad to see initiatives on campus that are focused on this developing field. The FEC has had recent discussions on these topics, and the impact of AI on campus organization and specifically in relation to campus sustainability goals, seeing critical thinking in this area on campus is encouraging. That said, the Committee encourages collaboration with other departments and units on campus in order to better strengthen this particular proposed degree. In particular, the FEC encourages the preparers to contact Peter Graham (Philosophy) and Ian Ballad (Psychology) who are organizing a BA on a similar topic, and the FEC in general encourages collaborations with cognitive science, philosophy, psychology, and other departments researching or working on these topics related to AI. The CHASS FEC would like to know of these communications and general awareness across campus before ultimate approval of this proposal.