Please complete the below information and submit to ovcafo@hawaii.edu as a word doc or pdf file by February 28, 2009. Please ensure the e-mail subject heading reflects the Department/School/College name followed by “First Level Review.” For example: SOEST – First Level Review.

Name of the Program ___Philosophy East and West______________________________________________________

Program as used in this prioritization process can be a specialization, section, division, field of study, center, degree program, etc. The unit head, in collaboration with others as appropriate, must determine the level of analysis required.

How long has the program existed: _59 years____________________________________________________

Department/School/College: __Philosophy/Arts & Humanities____________________________________________________

The department would fall under which of the following Vice Chancellor’s offices?

___x___ Academic Affairs
_______ Research and Graduate Education
_______ Student Services
_______ Administration, Finance, and Operations

How does the program fit into the larger administrative unit? (Describe in two or three sentences.)

This journal is edited by a member of the department and has since its inception been considered integral to department activities. It grew out of the Philosophy East and West Conferences, held roughly every 5 years and supported by the local business community.

Briefly describe the program (no more than half a page):

This is a Journal for comparative philosophy that seeks to promote literacy on non-Western traditions of philosophy, and to challenge a professional discipline that has tended to be exclusively Anglo-European in its self-understanding.
• What are the main goals and objectives of the program?

The quarterly, Philosophy East and West, is now in its 59th year of publication, and is the defining publication in the area of comparative philosophy. From its inception, it has sought to promote literacy on non-Western traditions of philosophy, and to challenge a professional discipline that has tended to be exclusively Anglo-European in its self-understanding.

• What are the services it provides, and to whom (students, faculty staff, donors, other)?

Philosophy East and West is a forum for the publication of the most recent research in comparative philosophy, and serves the academy in this capacity.

• What services does it receive from others?

Authors, reviewers, and readers all contribute to the success of the journal.

• On what tasks/services does this program collaborate with others?

The review editors for Philosophy East and West are at UC Riverside, Lancaster, University of Kentucky, and Florida International Universities. The community of scholars who participate in its production is global.

• Are these services elsewhere available at the University? In the surrounding community?

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• What is the funding source(s) (state, self-sustaining, grants, etc)? At what level?

The journal is sponsored by the college of Arts and Humanities, and published by UH Press. A&H provides the difference between 9 and 11 month salary for the editor ($11,000 approx.) stipend for the editor $600, secretary ($16,212 /yr) and supplies ($1,000 approx).

• Are there needs and demands for services that the program cannot meet? What are they, and how do they relate to the University’s mission?
In recent years, Philosophy East and West has become part of the web-based MUSE project at Johns Hopkins and JSTOR for back issues, more than doubling the circulation of the journal.

• How many, and what type of staff are employed?

A faculty member of the Philosophy Department edits the journal, assisted by a part-time secretary.

• What are the basic responsibilities of each position? Which individuals are cross-trained and in what areas?

The faculty member edits the journal, and the secretary provides editorial assistance.

• What technologies are available? Are there technological improvements that could be made to save on labor, or to improve the product/service offered? How does the program get technological support?

The journal receives technical support from Arts and Humanities and the Philosophy Department.

• How is the program’s success reviewed? By whom? How often?

The department has a policy of periodic review but there is no evidence of any review under the current editor.

• What data or evidence does the program have that reflects on its performance?

The journal has a Board of Editors comprised of prominent comparative philosophers who offer their time and expertise. The blind review process insures the quality of the articles that are brought to print, and the less than 10% publication rate guarantees the quality of competition. Very often the papers we reject are later published by the competing journals. It is the leading journal in comparative philosophy.

In 1998, the print subscription list was in round numbers 1300, dropping to about 900. About six years ago we joined MUSE and added an additional 1400 subscriptions, giving us presently about 2300. (Source: Joel Bradshaw, Journals Manager, UH Press)

• Do our peers have a similar program? How do they differ?

Other comparative journals compete with Philosophy East and West, and other departments achieve international visibility by sponsoring journals in their areas.

• What opportunities exist for greater collaboration and team approaches in the delivery of services?

Philosophy East and West is sponsored by a broad based academic community comprised of authors, reviewers, book reviewers, and subscribers, many of whom also publish with University of Hawai‘i Press. The journal is healthy.

• Are there efficiencies that could be gained by consolidating with a similar entity? Have such opportunities been explored before? If so, what was the outcome?

Philosophy East and West cooperates closely with the staff at UH Press that oversees the publication of UH's journals.

• What strategies could result in better efficiencies in the program?

We are always looking for ways of increasing efficiency. Emerging technologies have bee of enormous help.

Guide for Prioritization (examples)

Criteria for New or In Transition

• The program was established within the past three years and is seen to be needed
• Establishment of the program was based on demonstrated need and it appears to be meeting the need

Criteria for Growth and Investment in Program
• Need for the program is increasing due to regulatory issues, growth of unit(s) being supported, or for other articulated reasons.
• The program has received state/regional/national recognition for services.
• The program is an integral part of the university mission.

Criteria for Maintenance of Program at Stable Resource Levels
• Demand for the program has been relatively constant; program able to meet objectives.
• The program is an integral part of the university mission.
• Similar services are otherwise unavailable, or inferior.

Criteria for Reorganization, Restructuring, or Merger
• The program offers services that are not necessary to the university, or that duplicate those of one or more other units.
• Program could be more efficiently delivered in concert with other programs or by reorganizing delivery in new ways.

Criteria for Reduce in Size or Scope
• Program could meet most needs even if reduced in size or scope.
• Program is not fully subscribed.

Criteria for Elimination
• Demand for program is low, or declining at a rapid pace.
• Services are not essential to the central mission of the university.
• Activity or services provided by the unit are inconsistent with the future direction of the University.