Ray,

Please let the GE Committee know that I have read this proposal carefully and discussed it with Kim (and Wayne) at some length and that I am fully supportive of it. The course is designed to provide a philosophical introduction to the Christian liberal arts by means of the application of questions in the three major areas of philosophy (epistemology, metaphysics, and axiology) to topics in computer science. In particular, the course will enable students to think about the concept of information and its relation to reality, the concept of computation and its relation to knowledge, and various moral issues raised by the presence and use of computer technology in human society. Through their consideration of these topics, students will be able to reflect on specific examples of the way philosophical questions arise throughout the entire Christian liberal arts curriculum.

If the committee has any questions they would like me to address concerning this proposal, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Jim

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From: Kim Kihlstrom [mailto:kimkihls@gmail.com]
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Cc: Wayne Iba; David Hunter; Jim Taylor
Subject: GE Submission

Wayne and I are submitting CS 050 for the GE component Philosophical Reflections on Truth and Value. The course received GE approval as an individual course in fall 2008, and Wayne taught it for the first time that semester. We plan to offer this course every year. Partially motivated by Wayne’s upcoming sabbatical, Kim would like to teach the course next fall, incorporating some of the ethics and gender material from her fall 2008 Europe semester course. Therefore, we would like to submit the course as a template rather than an individual course. We have met together and agreed on common content and shaded that portion in the attached syllabus. The department chair David Hunter has reviewed the syllabus and supports this submission. We have also met with Jim Taylor and he supports the submission as well. The syllabus and submission form are attached.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kim

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