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Dean Nagel and members of the FCPC:

The Department of Economics requests permission to hire one tenure-track position to begin September 1, 2019. This line would replace one that was held by Stephie Fried (who moved to Arizona State at the end of academic year 2016-2017).

A few notes of rationale for maintaining this line:

- To staff our Principles of Macroeconomics, Intermediate Macroeconomics, and other macroeconomics electives, we need 4 positions. With only 3 macroeconomists we are able to offer 1 or 2 macro electives in addition to a single macro section of comps. This makes us a large outlier relative to peer institutions. To be clear, we are not arguing that we need more lines—just that the current number exists for a good reason. You did not permit us to replace Stephie last year, in part because we have so many new faculty members and in part because our number of majors suffered a temporary drop this year.

- Our enrollments remain at reasonable to high levels. We have 35 majors in the senior class, 25 in the junior class, and a number of interested sophomores (many of which have already begun taking our core courses). A total of 42 sophomores have already declared economics as their major, and we expect additional students will eventually choose economics as a second major (I know of two for sure). We’ve seen brief blips like the current junior class and always recovered, so we think that we will return to approximately 45-50 majors in the near future.

- We also expect significant interest in the public policy minor, requiring us to offer Econ 270 (Economics of the Public Sector) once or twice a year instead of every third year or so. We would also be able to offer A&I seminars on a more regular basis if we can hire a tenure-track position. Finally, our current staffing is insufficient to consider offering an economics minor (which the ECC survey suggests would be popular).

I am happy to provide additional information to aid your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Jenny Bourne  
Department Chair, Economics  
Raymond Plank Chair of Economics

Attachment: Draft Job Advertisement
Draft Job Advertisement

E0 Macroeconomics

The Economics Department invites applications for a tenure-track position at the assistant- or associate-professor level beginning September 1, 2018. We seek macroeconomics candidates with potential for high-quality scholarship, a commitment to excellent teaching, and a willingness to contribute to a college community that values a diversity of people and perspectives. We particularly welcome those who might contribute courses in International Economics including Asian, Latin American, European, or African Studies. Visit the Job Openings for Economists website to complete the online application, including cover letter, job-market paper, statement of teaching philosophy, curriculum vitae, and contact information for three references. Ph.D. or its imminent completion required. For consideration, all materials must be received by November 27, 2018.

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