PROPOSAL FOR A COGNITIVE SCIENCE MAJOR

We will develop a proposal for a Cognitive Science major, while concurrently developing and debuting a Philosophy of Science and Mind track in the Philosophy department. The track will teach science majors to engage with their subject matter from a philosophical perspective, and introduce Philosophy majors to important interdisciplinary questions. The major will enable students who aim to understand the mind to have an integrated learning experience combining courses in Philosophy, Psychology, Biological Sciences, Computer Science and English with an interdisciplinary capstone seminar.

MILESTONES
1. Fall 2015 – submit a proposal of Philosophy of Science and Mind track
2. Spring 2015 – submit a proposal of Cognitive Science major
3. Fall 2016 – launch Philosophy of Science and Mind track (pending approval)
4. Fall 2017 – launch Cognitive Science Major (pending approval)

BEYOND BOUNDARIES
Pursuit of Academic Excellence for Human Well-being

The university’s strategic plan sets out ambitious goals for Marquette’s future: to become a leading research institution that recruits and empowers faculty at the cutting-edge of their fields, and to become a first-choice school for the most promising students. Should Marquette choose to move forward with our proposal for a Cognitive Science major, it would contribute to these goals by becoming the first Jesuit university to offer such a program. This interdisciplinary major will teach students how to think and communicate in ways that transcend traditional disciplinary boundaries and how to bring the broadest range of insights to bear on the ongoing task of understanding the nature of the mind.