On 9 March 1964 Council decided to create two departments within the School of Philosophy - one as the Department of Philosophy and the other the Department of History and Philosophy of Science (resolution 64/34).

On 9 May 1966 Council decided that the latter department would become its own independent school (resolution 66/86). Consequently the Department of Philosophy as an independent unit ceased to exist from this date, as it was essentially absorbed into the remainder of the school.