Committee on Academic Policy

Minutes for ~~September 8, 2011~~August 30, 2012

Attending: Sally Cockburn, Tina Hall, Chaise LaDousa, John McEnroe, Nancy Rabinowitz and Penny Yee (Chair); Associate Dean Stephen Orvis and Dean Patrick Reynolds

The meeting convened at 4:15 pm.

To orient new members, CAP discussed procedures for reviewing Course Catalog Modification forms. Chair Penny Yee announced the schedule of anticipated external reviews: Art History and Classics in the fall, Africana Studies and Education Studies in the spring.

The committee discussed implementation of the new Writing Intensive Guidelines. For AY 2012-13, pre-existing WI courses can conform either to the old guidelines or to the new guidelines; all new WI courses must comply with the new guidelines. By AY 2012 – 13, all WI courses should be in compliance with the new guidelines. CAP discussed ways to monitor this compliance and agreed to continue this discussion.

The committee discussed the creation of subcommittees to investigate:

- the First Year Course proposed by First Year Experience Committee;
- the college's current policy towards online courses;
- the college's current policy for assigning credit for internships and experiential learning.

CAP met with Bruce Walczyk (Chair of Dance and Movement Studies) and Lydia Hamessley (Chair of Music) regarding the proposal to create a single Department of Music and Dance, housing a Program in Dance and Movement Studies. The committee agreed to continue discussion of this proposal next week; in the meantime, the chair encouraged Bruce and Lydia to continue their discussions of the proposal and to communicate any new concerns they may have with CAP.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Cockburn