Present: Dale McFadden (chair), Stuart Davis, Julia Fox, Peter Guardino, Vivian Halloran, Scott Michaels, Julie Van Voorhis, Nick Williams

The meeting was called to order at 4:00. The minutes from October 12 were discussed and approved.

Members of the CPC reported on meeting with Cassidy Sugimoto, President of the BFC, on shared governance. Topics of discussion included communication between the BFC and school policy committees, including reporting and the sharing of minutes. There was also discussion about the composition of committees, and in particular, the roles of NTT faculty on them. Some schools have NTT faculty on their policy committees, while others do not.

The recent efforts of the BFC to revise its election bylaws to incorporate representatives from the new schools in the College (Global and International Studies, the Media School, and Art and Design) reopened a discussion on the CPC about how these units could be represented on the committee. Currently all representatives to the CPC represent disciplinary areas (A&H, N&M, and S&H, with two at-large members), not administrative units, such as the schools. It was noted that the draft governance documents of SGIS call for CPC representation, but The Media School does not. (The governance documents for the School of Art and Design have not been drafted yet.) A question was raised about the relatively small number of faculty in the new schools, in comparison to the numbers represented by the disciplinary representatives.

Executive Dean Larry Singell arrived at 5:10. In response to questions regarding the composition of the CPC in light of the new schools, the Dean would like to include these units in the CPC. He noted that as the schools mature, they will likely develop their own cultures that allow them to be different. He agreed with the committee that it shouldn’t rush to change the composition of the committee, as it needs time to consult with faculty, but the issue should be considered.

The Dean was asked about the staffing of the College undergraduate office after the departures of two key staff members. The Dean answered that Associate Dean John Lucaites was providing the administrative coordination of the office, and that the departures provide an opportunity for the reorganization of the office. The Dean asked the remaining assistant deans and others in the office to assess how it might work more efficiently and be more responsive to the needs of students.
The CPC and the Dean also clarified some lingering questions on two policies approved last spring concerning the participation of NTT faculty in department affairs and in voting for chair. These policies are now posted on the CPC website.

The Dean left at 5:35, after which the meeting adjourned.

Julie Van Voorhis, recorder