College of Arts and Sciences Policy Committee Minutes  
March 23, 2015  
APPROVED DRAFT

Present: Ed Hirt (chair), Jim Davis, Stuart Davis, Julia Fox, John Hanson, Eileen Julien, Dale McFadden, Julie Van Voorhis, Nick Williams

The meeting was called to order at 4:00. The minutes for March 9 were discussed, and revisions were suggested.

The committee continued its discussion of the CPC’s role as the budgetary affairs committee of the College in light of changes to the budget process (see minutes from March 9).

The CPC received copies of the proposed revisions to the Online Course Questionnaire (OCQ) from the Educational Policies Committee of the BFC. The committee discussed its response to these revisions, particularly those regarding the Campus Core Items (the four questions that will be used for tenure and promotion). Some of the concerns that the committee expressed are: the language of the questions employs pedagogical “jargon” that the students may not understand; the questions may result in gender bias; the responses are highly correlated to student grades and may lead to grade inflation; and whether the current questions are of value to the tenure and promotion committee in gauging teaching effectiveness. In regards to the student-access items, the CPC questioned the provision that faculty are given the option of using these results for P&T, noting that the choice not to do so might reflect negatively on a candidate.

The CPC also had a question about whether the College would be submitting its own unit-specific questions to the OCQ and agreed to ask the Dean about this at a future meeting.

The CPC continued its review of two policies relevant to non-tenure track faculty to bring them into accordance with UFC policy: one policy concerns the voting privileges of NTT faculty generally and the second policy concerns the appointment, reappointment, and dismissal of unit chairs. In both policies the role of NTT faculty in the governance of a department will be determined by a vote of the tenured and tenure-track faculty in that unit.

After a brief update about the upcoming CPC elections, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30.

Julie Van Voorhis, Recorder