Committee on Academic Policy
Minutes for March 3, 2016

Attending: Karen Brewer (Chair), John Eldevik, Rob Hopkins, Tara McKee, Patrick Reynolds, and Steve Wu; Steve Orvis attended the first 10 minutes

The meeting convened at 4:05 pm.

1) The minutes of the 2/25 meeting were approved.

2) The committee reviewed the recent Committee of the Whole Discussion at the faculty meeting regarding the proposed diversity requirement. The committee agreed to sponsor a brainstorming session to help Departments generate additional ideas for how to implement the proposed requirement.

3) The committee met with members of the Anthropology/Archaeology, Music, and Biology Departments to discuss their allocation requests.

4) The committee discussed revisions to the SI proposal and agreed to send the revisions to Sharon and the Oral Communication Committee for final approval before sending it to Academic Council. The goal is to get the motion on the agenda for the April faculty meeting.

5) The committee agreed to ask Gordon Hewitt to revise the enrollment/FTE data to account for science labs that are treated as 1/5 of the teaching load (instead of each science department computing the revised numbers on its own).

6) The committee briefly discussed asking the Biology, Chemistry, and Psychology departments to complete a long-term study of the Neuroscience and Biochemistry programs including their plans for the next ten years. We agreed to continue this discussion at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tara E. McKee