Committee on Academic Policy
Minutes for February 26, 2015

Attending: Karen Brewer, John McEnroe, Tara McKee, Steve Orvis, Nancy Rabinowitz, Steve Wu (chair), Penny Yee

The meeting convened at 4:13 P.M.

1) The CAP Diversity Subcommittee updated the committee regarding a recent meeting with professors who teach courses that might fall under a “Diversity Intensive Requirement” umbrella. This subcommittee will meet with students in the coming week to update them on recent discussions and will then determine how to move forward.

2) Penny Yee updated the committee on the number of First Year Courses planned for the fall of 2015. Last year there were 25, all with healthy enrollments. This year we have 23 so far, mostly in Humanities. We discussed ways to increase options for this program while maintaining the restriction to first years.

3) The committee reviewed the response from the History Department concerning their external review. The Government external review will take place next week.

4) The committee discussed presentation of the motion for creation of the new Department of Literature and Creative Writing at the upcoming faculty meeting.

5) The committee discussed the inconsistency in enrollment limits at the 100-level across language departments. We agreed to lower the enrollments for 100-level Chinese courses from 40 to 16.

6) Steve Wu updated the committee on logistics regarding the allocations process. Interviews with Departments will begin next week.

7) Penny Yee discussed with the committee the idea of doing a broad external review for the languages as a whole. She will gather more information from the Departments and other sources and report back to CAP.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara McKee