Committee on Academic Policy

Minutes for October 2, 2014

Attending: Karen Brewer, Rob Hopkins, John McEnroe, Tara McKee, Nancy Rabinowitz (absent for discussion of Comparative Literature), Steve Orvis (present only for discussion of diversity issues), Stephen Wu (Chair), Penny Yee

The meeting convened at 4:09 p.m.

1) The committee approved the minutes from the 9/25/14 meeting.

2) The committee had a wide-ranging discussion regarding the possible merger of Comparative Literature and English. Steve will speak with Steve Yao (chair of English) about a chance for the committee to talk with two English faculty members, one of whom teaches creative writing. In addition, Steve agreed to try to set up a meeting with someone from Dance.

3) The committee agreed to propose a subcommittee (consisting of one member of CAP, one member of COA, and one member from the DOF) to gather data about the menu of options available to address administrative/personnel/curricular issues surrounding possible department realignments, including consideration of pending retirements and problems with dysfunctional departments. Steve agreed to contact Ann Owen about the possibility.

4) The committee discussed next steps in the process of studying issues of diversity as it relates to the curriculum. Members of the CAP subcommittee on diversity (Karen Brewer, Steve Orvis, Nancy Rabinowitz) gave an update.

5) The committee discussed a possible timetable for responding to the Faculty’s charge to report about possible department realignments.

The meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Hopkins