

Amended December 22, 2011

The fourteenth meeting of the Committee of Six for the academic year 2011-2012 was called to order by President Martin in her office at 12:30 P.M. on Friday, December 16, 2011. Present were Professors Basu, Ferguson, Hewitt, Loinaz, Ratner, and Umphrey, Dean Call, President Martin, and Assistant Dean Tobin, Recorder. The meeting began with a discussion of personnel matters.

Dean Call asked the members to consider possible approaches to regularizing long-term visiting appointments for scholars who have taught at the College for significant periods and who have the credentials and record of scholarly productivity that might qualify them for an appointment with tenure at Amherst. He requested the Committee's help with thinking about possible processes and noted he would also be soliciting the advice of the Committee on Educational Policy. The Dean asked the members if they would be willing to return to this question during the Spring semester. The members agreed to discuss this matter in the spring.

At 1:45 P.M., Jack Stripling, a reporter at the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, joined the meeting. The Committee, the President, and the Dean discussed with Mr. Stripling, the history, role, and responsibilities of the Committee of Six, and faculty governance at Amherst more broadly. At the conclusion of the conversation, Mr. Stripling thanked the members, the President, and the Dean for their time and for their thoughtful answers to his questions.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dean of the Faculty