

**Committee on Educational Policy  
December 17, 2018**

**In attendance: Faculty: Catherine Sanderson, chair; Lawrence Douglas; Tekla Harms; Tariq Jaffer; Edward Melillo, by phone. Students: Brooke Harrington '22; Julia Ralph '21. Catherine Epstein, Dean, *ex officio*. Recorder: Nancy Ratner, Director of Academic Projects.**

Catherine S. called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. in the Psychology Seminar Room.

**Computer Science request**

Catherine S. began with a request from the Computer Science department. The committee agreed that the department could re-open the search as open rank, but with a deadline no earlier than February 1, 2019. The department could advertise that the search will remain “open until the position is filled; all applications received by January 15, 2019 will receive full consideration” and begin to bring candidates to campus in late January. If additional strong candidates apply, the department can extend invitations beyond the original group.

**Geology request**

Tekla left the room, and Catherine S. introduced the second question, which came from the Geology department.

The committee noted that the department is not particularly stretched at the moment and received the current FTE close to a decade before the individual being replaced will retire. More important, there cannot be a bridge appointment without a firm commitment that someone in the department will retire by a set date. No one in the department has made such a commitment, so the committee rejected that line of inquiry. If the department wishes to submit a TO request, Catherine S. said she would encourage the chair to send a letter to the committee. The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.