

## **Committee on Educational Policy**

**April 6, 2023**

**In attendance: Faculty: Robert Benedetto, Chair; David Hanneke; Mekhola Gomes; Chris Kingston; Geoffrey Sanborn. Provost and Dean of the Faculty: Catherine Epstein, ex officio. Students: Isaiah Doble '25; Zane Khiry '25; Gent Malushaga '25. Recorder: Nancy Ratner, Director of Academic Projects.**

Rob Benedetto, chair, called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. in Porter Lounge, and the committee approved the minutes from the previous meeting.

### **New Courses**

Nancy noted that a change in the way the Registrar is managing courses resulted in newly revived courses being directed to Publications after receiving approval from the CEP, bypassing faculty review. In the past these were approved by both the CEP and the full faculty. Rob asked if anyone objected to this change. Hearing no objections, Nancy said she would let the Registrar know that this practice could continue.

### **FTEs**

Rob then asked the committee to return to its discussion of FTEs.

### **Film and Media Studies (FAMS) Proposal**

The committee then returned to a revised proposal that the Film and Media Studies (FAMS) Program become a department. Catherine reported that the Committee on Priorities and Resources (CPR) had an interesting conversation about the proposal, focusing its discussion on how small a department could be and still be viable.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.