

**Committee on Educational Policy
February 27, 2019**

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

Catherine Sanderson, chair of the Committee on Educational Policy (CEP), called the meeting to order 8:45 a.m. in the Mullins Room. The committee approved the minutes from the meeting of February 6, 2019.

Course Proposals

The committee, continuing with its review of new courses, noted the number of limited enrollment seminars and discussed whether there might be too many upper level seminars that meet just once a week. Catherine E. said it was her opinion that faculty members should teach no more than one upper level limited enrollment seminar that meets once a week each year. The committee requested a spreadsheet showing the full curriculum, organized by department, faculty member, and course caps. Members also decided not to approve introductory level courses that are taught once a week until the committee hears a pedagogical rationale for this approach from the instructor or instructor's department.

FTE Requests

Catherine S. asked then that the committee to return to its review of the remaining FTE requests.

Computer Science

The Computer Science department has requested a new FTE in the general field of computer science.

French

The French department has requested authorization to hire a new colleague in Francophone literature and culture from the Caribbean, Africa, or the Mediterranean world, broadly conceived.

Political Science

The Political Science department has requested authorization for a position in race and American politics, replacing the remaining half FTE of Burns and expanding the department by a half FTE.

History

The History department has requested a new tenure-line FTE in the field of Asian American history.

The committee reviewed the remaining FTE requests, and after completing its first round of discussions, Catherine S. asked members to review the requests an additional time and then send her their rankings for each request before the next meeting. (Committee members in departments with requests before the committee were asked not to rank their own requests.) The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.