

Committee on Educational Policy (CEP)**February 5, 2016**

In attendance: Faculty: David S. Hall, chair; Alexander George; Klára Móricz; Sean Redding; Catherine Sanderson (by phone). Catherine Epstein, dean. Students: Samuel Keaser '16, Rashid (Chico) Kosber '17; Steven Ryu '16. Recorder: Nancy Ratner, Associate Dean of Admission and Researcher for Academic Projects.

David Hall, Chair of the Committee on Educational Policy (CEP), called to order the CEP meeting at 8:30 a.m. in the Kennick Room in Cooper House, and the committee approved the minutes from the meeting of January 29, 2016.

Old business

David asked that the committee clarify the policy on early participation in graduation exercises. In its proposal, the committee had specified that any disciplinary violations would make a student ineligible to participate in early graduation exercises. The registrar had wanted reassurance that the intent was to make eligibility contingent upon no disciplinary violations whatsoever, or only those that had not yet been resolved. The committee reiterated that early participation is intended to be a privilege, withdrawn under conditions involving any disciplinary violations.

Returning briefly to the subject of senior faculty course evaluations, David said he has not yet had a chance to speak about changes to the process with Howie Hanna who is away from campus at the moment. Klára mentioned that a number of faculty members appear to be confused about the process. David said he would consider speaking at a faculty meeting after he and Howie have discussed changes to the process. He thought it might be helpful to clarify for colleagues how the new tools can most effectively be used.

FTE review, continued

David then asked the committee to return to its review of FTE requests, proceeding alphabetically.

Computer Science

The Computer Science department has requested two new positions, both specified as open areas. The committee discussed the reasons the department had proposed for expanding the department in this way.

English

The English department has requested a position in global Anglophone literature, which would be a half-FTE replacement for Professor Rushing, who retired in 2010, and a half-FTE expansion position. The committee discussed the department's request.

Environmental Studies

The Environmental Studies department has requested an expansion position in environmental policy at the rank of associate or assistant professor. The committee discussed its request.

History/Asian Languages and Civilizations

The History department has requested two positions—one of which would be shared with ASLC in Chinese history and would be a replacement for Professor Dennerline who will retire in fall, 2016. The committee began with a discussion of the joint request.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.