

Committee on Educational Policy

March 2, 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: 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.

Courses

The committee discussed a few issues related to co-taught courses and courses involving regular travel to community sites and then approved additional courses.

Film and Media Studies (FAMS) proposal

Rob noted that when new departments were established in the past, both the Committee on Priorities and Resources (CPR) and the CEP reviewed the proposal. He wondered if the CEP should ask for such a review. Catherine thought it might be reasonable to send the FAMS proposal to the CPR so it could consider the proposal's viability from a priorities and resources perspective since eventually an additional department will require additional costs. The committee supported this review and thought it was reasonable to send it to the CPR before the CEP itself takes up the question. Rob said he would forward the proposal to the Faculty Executive Committee (FEC) to ask if it wished to send the request to the CPR.

FTEs

Rob asked the committee to return to its review of FTE requests for the coming year.

Computer Science

The Department of Computer Science has requested four FTEs over the course of four years, with permission to hire two in any given year. The committee discussed the request.

Art and History of Art

The Department of Art and History of Art has requested an expansion FTE in photography, and the committee discussed this request.

Law, Jurisprudence, and Social Thought (LJST)

The Department of Law, Jurisprudence, and Social Thought (LJST) has requested an expansion position in Race and Law in the US. The CEP discussed the request.

Economics

The Department of Economics has requested two expansion positions, one in international trade and the other in macroeconomics. The committee discussed both requests.

The meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.