

Educational Policy Committee (EPC)  
September 20, 2017

Present: Professors Desmond Cummins, Laura McClusky, and Katie Waugh (chair); Student Representative Annie Vargas '20; and Provost Cindy Speaker

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

1. Minutes from 9.13.17 – approved as corrected.
2. Review of Full-time Faculty Position Requests -- Before beginning the review of requests received by the September 15<sup>th</sup> deadline, question about the status of the three failed searches from last year was raised. The Provost indicated that those positions (i.e., Environmental Science, Criminal Justice, and Theatre) were going to be searched again this year and that the faculty there did not have to put in new requests. The Committee proceeded to review and discuss the three new full-time faculty position requests received – English, Spanish, and Biology. Provost Speaker recused herself from the deliberations given that the recommendations ultimately come to her. The Chair will forward the Committee's recommendations to the Provost and the Advisory Committee so that the latter can provide their observations to the Provost. During this discussion, the Committee considered ways of organizing and discussing the curriculum that do not tie courses to specific people and that would provide an overview of the curriculum that would allow need to be more easily identified. Professor Cummins offered to have his CS students take on a mapping exercise in the spring that would facilitate this.
3. Next meeting – At its next meeting the Committee will discuss the current budgeting process.

The meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Speaker, Provost and Dean of the College