

Committee on Academic Policy

Minutes for September 8, 2011

Attending: Professors Sally Cockburn, Chaise LaDousa, Thomas Wilson (chair), Kyoko Omori, Katherine Kuharic and Penny Yee; Associate Dean Karen Brewer and Dean Patrick Reynolds

The meeting convened at 4:15 pm.

The CAP discussed the composition of the soon-to-be-formed WI Guidelines Revision Subcommittee (WRS), in particular the desirability of representation of from a broad range of academic disciplines, as well as from junior-level faculty.

There was a preliminary discussion of the periodic reviews scheduled for this academic year: the Japanese Program, the Sociology Department and the Geoscience Department in the fall, and Classics Department, the Art History Department and Africana Studies Department in the spring. Tom Wilson proposed that he send out tentative assignments later in the week.

Pat Reynolds elaborated on remarks he made at the Faculty Meeting on September 6 regarding the large number of small departments at Hamilton. He noted that in particular, this creates various problems in the allocation process. The committee discussed various different possible organizational structures, with the joint aims of eliciting more allocation requests and encouraging more curricular development outside/between traditional departmental boundaries. We agreed to continue discussion on this issue at future meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Cockburn