

Education Committee

Annual Report 2015-2016

The committee completed its usual meeting schedule of eight monthly meetings, as well as a joint meeting with the Information Technology and Libraries committees. While much of the work of the committee involves reviews of new program proposals and surveys of recently approved programs, the committee also informed itself on:

1. Current and planned activities of the new Center for Teaching and Learning.
Guest: Kathy M. Takayama, Associate Provost and Executive Director, Center for Teaching and Learning; Adjunct Professor of Biological Sciences. Kathy subsequently joined the Education Committee.
2. Institute for Ideas and Imagination.
Guests: Mark Mazower, Ira D. Wallach Professor of World Order Studies, and Paul LeClerc, Director, Global Centers, Europe.
3. Programs in the School of Professional Studies.
Guest: Provost John Coatsworth.

In March the committee had its joint annual meeting with the Libraries and IT committees, during which an animated discussion took place on the role of the Center for Teaching and Learning in the culture of Columbia University.

Collaboration with the Provost's Office

We appreciate the efforts of Vice Provost for Academic Programs Melissa Begg and her colleague Associate Provost Jim Glover, who continue the tradition of a strong collaboration between the Provost's Office and the Senate Education Committee in the implementation of their tasks.

The new website for the submission and tracking of new program proposals (APAS: an online Academic Program Approval System) was officially launched this year by the Office of the Provost. It allows for a smoother integration of the various steps in the approval process than was possible previously, and allows the proponents to track the proposal's progress.

In addition, the Provost's Office has established an online repository of guidance documents for proponents of new program proposals. The GUIDANCE DOCUMENT FOR DEGREE AND CERTIFICATE PROPOSALS (Academic Credit Applied Toward Multiple Graduate Credentials), which was approved by the committee during the 2014-2015 academic year, has been added to this site.

Approved new programs (plenary approval dates in parentheses)

- Med. Sc. D. in Dental Medicine (CDM) (4/1/2016)
- B.S./M.S. in Biomedical Engineering (SEAS) (4/1/2016)
- M.S. in Insurance Management (SPS) (pending 4/29/2016)
- M.S. in Data Journalism (Journalism) (pending 4/29/2016)

Approved for online delivery

- M.S. in Bioethics (SPS)

Approved new Institute

- Institute for Ideas and Imagination (Paris) (2/5/2016)

Under review

- M.S. in the Practice of Sustainability Science (SPS)
- New Department of Emergency Medicine (P&S)
- M.S. in Human Capital Management (SPS)

Five-year reviews

Resolutions for approval of new programs contain a clause requiring a review after five years to determine whether the new program meets its set goals. One program was never launched and thus is no longer in existence. One program needs a re-review. Six programs were found satisfactory.

1. M.S. in Leadership (GSB) -- Review: **insufficient data**, due to insufficient operating history.
2. M.S. in Bioethics (SCE) -- Review: satisfactory.
3. M.S. in Sustainability Management (SCE) -- Review: satisfactory.
4. M.S. in Construction Administration (SCE) -- Review: satisfactory.
5. M.S. in Fundraising Management in non-profit administration (SCE) -- Review: satisfactory.
Subsequent name change: M.S. in Non-profit Management.
6. Dual M.S. in Journalism and Computer Science -- Review: satisfactory
7. M.S. in Engineering Management Systems (SEAS) -- Review: satisfactory

In addition, the committee discussed the M.S. in Accounting and Fundamental Analysis (GSB), which has never launched. The committee will work with GSB on renewed efforts to launch this program.

Academic calendar

The co-chairs have held several meetings with Registrar Barry Kane, Vice Provost Melissa Begg, and representatives of the Senate Student Affairs Committee on the possibility of declaring the day before Thanksgiving an academic holiday. The proposal, which has not yet been approved, will shortly be sent for review to several groups of stakeholders for their input, guidance, and collaboration. If approved, this change would go into effect in the fall of 2017.

Acknowledgment

The committee wishes to express its sincere appreciation to Trustee Emerita Anna Longobardo, Trustee observer, for her interest and efforts on behalf of the committee, as well as for her active participation in several of the committee's meetings.

J. H. Applegate
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Co-chairs

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