

EDUCATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE SUMMARY

October 4, 2013

Regular Session

Minutes

The May 17, 2013 Educational Policy Committee Regular Session meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

Co-Chair's Report

Co-Chair Lynne Brickner welcomed the committee to the first EPC meeting of the academic year, outlined the agenda for the meeting, and asked the committee members to recognize, with applause, the contributions of former EPC Chair Joanne Blauer.

President's Report

President Bettison-Varga reported that the new Dean of Honnold Library, Kevin Mulroy, is in place, and his input is already elevating the presence of the library.

The President then reported that Keck Graduate Institute has joined with the Minerva Project to launch the Minerva Schools at KGI. KGI is seeking accreditation of the KGI-Minerva undergraduate program from WASC. This partnership would create a program for online undergraduate degrees through KGI. The Minerva Project is a for-profit corporate entity founded by Ben Nelson, the former CEO of Snapfish. The implications of this partnership for The Claremont Colleges are being considered by the Council of Presidents and the CUC Board of Overseers.

The committee discussed at length the KGI/Minerva relationship and ramifications for the Claremont University Consortium in general, and the Claremont Colleges in particular.

Dean's Report

The Dean reported on:

- Recent faculty accomplishments
- New tenure-track faculty
- Current faculty searches in English and Politics
- A search for a Consortium for Faculty Diversity (CFD) Fellow in Politics
- Classes added due to the high enrollment of first-year students
- The new Core I theme, Histories of the Present: Violence

Focus Topic I

Co-Chair Lynne Brickner reviewed the responsibilities of the members of the EPC, goals and objectives of the committee, and meeting topics for 2013-14. She reminded EPC members of the reference materials included in their packets, and encouraged EPC members to bring to her attention any additional materials they would like added to this section.

The EPC 2013-14 goals and objectives were approved.

The EPC discussed a proposed amendment to the Faculty Retirement Transition Program previously approved by the EPC at its May 17, 2013 meeting. The proposed amendment was not approved.

Focus Topic II

Dean Amy Marcus-Newhall presented a summary of the status of the College's preparations for the next step of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) review, the Educational Effectiveness Review. She encouraged EPC members to review WASC materials in their meeting packets and the PowerPoint presentation distributed to the EPC in advance of the full Board meeting on Saturday, October 5.