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COMMITTEE ON TEACHING
February 9, 2010
Tuesday, 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Kerr Hall Rm 129

Present: M. Victoria Gonzalez-Pagani (Chair), Kate Edmunds, Dan Scripture, Hongyun Wang, Gordon Wells, Stephanie Casher (ASO)

Absent: Clare Max
Guests: Jessica Fiske-Bailey, Jim Phillips

The minutes of January 26, 2010 were approved.

Announcements from Chair
The Chair reminded the committee that they were hosting a drop-in IIG pre-proposal workshop, immediately following today’s meeting.

Discussion of IIG Preproposals
The committee discussed the IIG preproposals that had been received so far. COT noticed that many of the preproposals request some form of course release. The committee discussed the advisability of funding course release in a climate where departments can barely offer enough courses to meet student need. Giving faculty time “off” may have unintended consequences on an already impacted department. To address this issue, one committee member suggested possibly granting the IIG funds to the department, leaving it up to them to decide how best to distribute the funds.

The committee moved on to discuss specific proposals. Jessica Fiske-Bailey took extensive notes on the discussion, and will communicate COT feedback to the prospective applicants.

Report from Humanities Advisory Task Force on Reconstitution
The committee continued discussion on the report from the Humanities Advisory Task Force on Reconstitution. The Chair will incorporate committee comments into a final draft, which will then be circulated via email.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30am.

So attests,

M. Victoria Gonzalez-Pagani, Chair
Committee on Teaching