Committee on Preparatory Education
Minutes

Tuesday, December 4, 2007
3-4:30 p.m.
Kerr Hall Room 129

Present: Elizabeth Abrams (Chair), Roxanne Monnet (Staff), Judy Scott.

Absent: Ellen Newberry (NSTF Rep).

1.  Announcements, updates, and minutes.

   Chair Abrams reviewed the recent UCOPE meeting for CPE. UCOPE discussed the Graduate Student Instructor (GSI) changes proposed by UCEP and CCGA. They found the language unclear with regarding to courses higher than undergraduate level.

   The November minutes were accepted as amended.

II.  UCEP/CCGA proposed changes to GSI policies.

   CPE continued their discussion regarding the proposed changes to the GSI Academic Senate Regulations and policies proposed by UCEP and CCGA. They discussed and agreed with the points made in the Committee on Teaching’s letter in response to the proposal.

   Not only does CPE not support that upper-division appointments be decentralized to divisional deans, CPE would like the local Committee on Educational Policy (CEP) to be more involved in appointments at the lower-division level than is currently the case. The Committee thinks that CEP has a broader view and depth of vision because of the time they spend on undergraduate matters. They are particularly concerned with regard to GSI appointments to courses that satisfy writing general education requirements and the quantitative requirement.

   Regarding mentorship of GSIs, CPE would like there to be some teeth to ensure that graduate student instructors get the oversight they need and can benefit from.

   Chair Abrams will circulate a draft response for input and will consider a separate letter to CEP regarding local policies for GSI appointments.

So attests,

Elizabeth Abrams, Chair
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