

FEC's Report of the 2005-06 meetings of the Committee of Committees

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The Committee of Committees met in early December and early May to assess interactions among member committees and between them and the administration, and to discuss ongoing issues and problems in committee operations. With a new governance structure, a new administrative structure, and the creation of FYE all happening at once this year, strains and problems were inevitable, many of which were noted by committee chairs at the December meeting. We are pleased to report that in almost all cases, the problems are being ironed out through the diligent work of faculty and administrators. We wish to stress that by year's end, individual committees reported good to excellent interactions with members of the administration in a number of respects. There was consensus about the willingness of the administration to consult with the faculty.

For example, CAPT reported that the transition to the new administrative structure, and the introduction of the new DOF, has been seamless, and has led to excellent relations between the Administration and CAPT. Similarly, ad hoc committee lists are now being submitted regularly to FEC, so that their reports can be directed to the appropriate faculty committees. One such ad hoc committee, IPPC's optimization subcommittee, chaired by the VPAA and VP for Finance, worked in consultation with CEPP and FEC in a model fashion. And one administrative decision made last year without sufficient faculty consultation has now been satisfactorily resolved. The Athletics Program had been moved out of an academic department, and out of Academic Affairs to Student Affairs, leaving unclear the interface between Athletics and Academic Affairs—that is, how new courses would be approved, how and by whom will the people who are teaching credit-bearing courses in Athletics would be reviewed and assessed. We are pleased to report that the Athletics Committee, working with

A second difficulty is in the ongoing disagreement between the administrators of the HEOP program, on one hand, and the Dean of the Faculty and the Director of the FYE, on the other. HEOP is delivering a program now that had depended for its success on a summer preparation course for LS1. The repla