

Educational Policy Committee Report for 2004-05 Academic Year

Submitted by Ann Lemley, Chair, August 23, 2005

The committee worked on the following issues:

Final Exam Schedule – reacted to and supported subcommittee headed by Professor R. Bland to implement a new method to schedule final exam blocks that will minimize conflicts and three exams in one day.

PeopleSoft Programming for Student Information System – attended a variety of meetings to bring academic perspective to changes in SIS system, drawing attention to concerns about student advising at pre-registration time. Discussed concerns about faculty seeing students and helping to make sure that mistakes do not get made, i.e., dropping required course that are prerequisites. Suggested that students be provided with a course scheduler.

Student Transcript – worked with Registrar to format new version of Student Transcript that shows median grade in a course.

Honor Code – Discussed possibility of an Honor Code for Cornell. Supported concept of pursual of this topic and an eventual faculty/student forum about it. EPC will work with Michele Moddy-Adams on new Campus Code of Conduct in 2005-06.

Arbitrary Grading – Discussed over several meetings how best to resolve issues of arbitrary grading, particularly across colleges. Don Viands is drafting a policy for EPC to discuss in 2005-06.

Uniform Graduate Tuition – the committee will discuss this in 2005-06 if it is still an issue, asking the question as to whether there is an educational basis for this.