Academics and Professional Development Committee  
September 29, 2013, 7:30

APD members in attendance: Caitlin Verboon, Helen Rankin, Mark Rodgers, Candas Pinar, Lauren Tilton, Cynthia Rush, Nazanin Sullivan, William Gray, Ryan Hall, Lauren Young, Katherine Hindley, Sara Sanchez, Saad Ansari.

1. Introductions
2. Elections/Appointments
   a. Library Committee: Mark Rodgers
   b. ODEO: Nazanin Sullivan
   c. YTC: Ryan Hall
   d. GCS: Helen Rankin
3. Additions to APD AY2013-2014 Agenda:
   a. Issues of Gender at Yale
      i. Katherine brought up the fact that she has heard anecdotally that female TFs are being warned that they will face problems of authority in the classroom.
         1. Lauren wanted to know what department these TFs are in
         2. We talked about how these are issues that fall under the Title IX coordinator’s purview. In fact, that is why we have a coordinator (Dean Schermeister)
            a. Katherine noted that going to the Dean seems like an extreme step for most people
            b. Caitlin responded that while Pam Schermeister is a dean, her role as Title IX coordinator is separate – going to her is not like jumping steps and escalating the situation
            c. We wondered whether this was a problem with advertising and education, or something larger?
      3. We established a sub-committee on gender issues at Yale, headed by Katherine.
4. Online Education
   a. Lauren reported on a meeting re: online education with Craig Wright. She told us there is already a GSAS student on this committee, and that they are not interested in having another one. She is from the Yale Teaching Center
   b. Ryan will find out the contact information for this student
5. Other issues/business
   a. Sub-committee meetings to be scheduled: Online Edu (Saad) and Gender Issues at Yale (Katherine)
   b. Defining priorities for Teaching Fellow Program Review
      i. Lauren noted that a comprehensive review has not been done for 15 years. Suggested coming up with the larger priorities before embarking on an exploratory mission
6. Next Meeting: October 9, 7:30