The AS&E Summer Session Committee met four times in the fall 2013 term (October 18, November 15, December 6, and December 13) and once in the spring 2014 term (April 4), to provide guidance and approval on matters related to policies and operations of Tufts Summer Session. The chair, Kim Ruane, was on leave in the fall term. Mary Glaser served as interim chair.

Highlighted activities and accomplishments include:

- Reviewed Office of Institutional Research and Evaluation report on summer 2013 online courses. Three years of data is available. Analysis shows enrollment strength, high levels of student satisfaction, and strong alignment with the university’s educational mission. Committee found that the distributed proctoring process implemented in summer 2013 meets expectations for academic integrity and security assurance.
- Approved the Director’s recommendations for increases compensation and tuition in FY2015 (summer 2014).
- Re-affirmed Tufts Summer Study pre-college enrollment standards, recruitment, and registration processes are satisfactory and meet faculty expectations. Recommended that expansion of pre-college enrollments be accomplished through residential programming.
- Debated the strengths and weakness of future academic programming which includes increased high school senior presence in summer courses. Specific discussion occurred about the worth of a Tufts course where the majority of course is composed of visiting high school seniors selected through the rigorous pre-college screening process. Committee determined that higher concentrations of high school seniors in School of Arts & Sciences and School of Engineering courses does not pose a threat, but could potentially strengthen second summer session enrollments, and classroom experience.
- Discussed issues involving audits in the summer session. The committee felt that general audits are good for the summer session as they do add revenue and provide academic material students need. On the other hand, the non-credit audits have caused some issues in the past and the committee discussed whether to end this program or not. There were members that felt this would not be good as it is a nice perk for people in the surrounding communities. The committee also felt this was not really not our decision to make.
- Approved new pre-college program for summer 2014 called “Bioinformatics Inquiry through Sequencing” (David Walt, Donna Slonim).
Membership
Joseph DeBold (Psychology)
Mary Glaser, Interim Chair, Fall 2013 (Mathematics)
Sergiy Kryatov (Chemistry)
David Locke (Music)
Kim Ruane, Chair (Mathematics)
Roger Tobin (Astronomy & Physics)
Martha Tucker (Education)
Mingquan Wang (German, Russian, Asian)

Ex-Officio Membership
Charlie Cunningham (Graduate Student Council)
John Barker (Dean of Undergraduate & Graduate Students)
Sean Recroft (Director of Tufts Summer Session)