The Committee shepherded 109 items through review and approval by A&S Faculty. These items include 4 new programs, 54 new courses, changes to 11 programs, changes of number, title, and/or description to 20 existing courses, and deletion of 19 courses. In addition, all courses in the Geology Department will change their designation from GEO to EOS (Earth and Ocean Studies) and the numbers for most low level courses in the Mathematics Department have been changed.

The new programs are a new major in Applied Mathematics that was approved by the Faculty in October of 2011, a new minor in Asian American Studies and a new major and minor in Africana Studies. The latter three were approved by the Committee in April 2012 pending some revisions and are scheduled to be considered by the faculty on May 9.

New courses include 1 in Art History, 2 in Child Development, 1 in Classics, 2 in Community Health, 6 in Drama, 2 in Economics, 2 in English, 3 in Geology (Earth and Ocean Studies in the future), 9 in History, 3 in Mathematics, 2 in Physics and Astronomy, 2 in Political Science, 1 in Psychology, 1 in Romance Languages, 4 in German Russian and Asian Languages, 5 in Religion, 2 in Research and Geospatial Technology Services (to be housed at the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies) and 6 in Urban and Environmental Planning.

The programs changed were the Major and Minor in Architectural Studies, the Major in Art History, the Major and Minor in Drama and Dance, the Major in Geological Studies, the Minors in Geology and in Geoscience, the Major in Environmental Studies, the Major in Mathematics and the Minor in Urban and Environmental Planning.

The committee tabled a proposal for a new course in leadership studies until a department or program is identified to monitor the implementation of such a course. It also tabled the request of approval of a new minor in Studio Art until the oversight by Tufts of such a program is clarified. At the request of the deans, the proposal for two new courses in Portuguese were tabled until the allocation of resources is clarified.

The committee backed a suggestion of the registrar that courses which have been approved for fixed credit by the committee cannot be taken for a different credit value. When appropriate, special topics or reading courses will have to be created for those students that need to take the course with a different credit value.
The committee discussed the need to establish guidelines that would be implemented in the future to monitor the quality of on-line courses. In conjunction with EPC, the committee proposed that the discussion be brought to the faculty as a whole. This discussion was initiated on the faculty meeting of May 2.

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