MCAS Educational Policy Committee
September 17, 2015

1) Preliminary actions
   The meeting opened with a round of introductions. The minutes from the EPC meeting of
   May 4, 2015 were then approved with a minor spelling correction (to Greg's name).

2) Subcommittee tasks for the year
   Greg briefed us on the first orders of business the various subcommittees will take up.
   a. Academic Affairs: will analyze proposal for a new Managing for Social Impact
      and the Public Good Interdisciplinary Minor, to be governed by faculty from
      MCAS and CSOM. The EPC should receive a formal proposal in October and
      should aim to complete its analysis by the end of the Fall semester.
   b. Honors: will work on senior awards.
   c. Student Appeals: this new committee (2 faculty, 1 student) will take up the issue
      of grade appeals. There are currently at least two appeals to decide.

3) Other potential tasks
   Suggestions were made for other tasks the EPC might take up. These included further
   work on the Foreign Language Requirement---for example on a coherent system for
   assessing native proficiency---though the consensus was that the EPC should not work
   on this for the time being. Another suggestion involved deciding upon a criterion for
   assigning 4-letter designations to crosslisted or interdisciplinary courses, though it was
   decided that this should probably be taken up by the Academic Officers Council.

4) In closing
   The next meeting will take place on October 22, 2015. In the meantime, EPC members
   should send their subcommittee preferences to Michael Martin.

5) Attendance:
   Mary Troxell
   Rudi Hon
   Eve Spangler
   Clare Dunsford
   Michael Martin
   Bill Petri
   John Baldwin
   Rory Browne
   Celeste Wells
   Julian Borg
   Gerald Easter
   Chair, Greg Kalscheur