Membership: Kathy Morgan (Chair), Provost Linda Eisenmann, President Ronald Crutcher, Jenna Lukasik, Hector Medina, Barbara Darling-Smith, Tommy Ratliff, Student Representatives Thomas Bruemmer ’12, Justina Easow ’11; also attending as a nonvoting member, Associate Provost Joel Relihan; recording secretary Susan Colson

The Educational Policy Committee met once per week during the academic year of 2010-2011. The Committee:

1. Reviewed the feedback letter received from the accrediting review team of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) and the recommendations and requests therein.

2. Approved the addition of 28 courses (some of which were experimental courses now receiving formal course numbers)

3. Approved 4 new faculty-initiated Connections.

4. Approved the dissolving of 5 faculty-initiated Connections.

5. Approved 3 new proposals for short (summer and/or winter break) courses

6. Brought to the faculty for a vote 3 new majors (Neuroscience, Film and New Media Studies, Creative Writing and Literature)


8. Met with Dean Alex Vasquez to review and help to develop an articulation agreement with Miami Dade Community College.

9. Approved the removal of a course from the requirements of the Studio Arts major.

10. Removed from Faculty Legislation one major program (English and Dramatic Literature) and the Certified Global Record (Article III, Section D).

11. Developed a set of guidelines to be used in assigning Beyond the West designations to courses, with feedback from faculty attending a teaching and learning workshop in Fall 2010.

12. Met with the chair of the FYS Steering Committee (Anni Baker) twice to discuss FYS learning goals and outcomes. Reviewed draft ideas of goals and learning outcomes for First Year Seminar and discussed how those outcomes might be assessed; additional work on this project will be ongoing in the next academic year.

13. Met with Dean Alfredo Varela discuss the management of study-abroad courses and programs. Reviewed guidelines for Faculty-led Study Abroad programs.
14. Codified the practice of grandfathering courses removed from connections for students who declared those connections or began a path through them prior to that removal.

15. Codified the practice of normally not allowing FYS or Senior Seminar to be a part of a Connection.

16. Met with Registrar Pat Santilli to clarify the way in which transfer credits are weighted at Wheaton and to discuss how to facilitate the transfer of students from Miami Dade to Wheaton.

17. Met with Associate Vice President for LIS Sue Wawrzaszek to discuss how to continue to improve library and technology links to faculty and the curriculum.

18. Discussed the putative goals of the capstone requirement and how that requirement was interpreted by those attending the President’s Commission meeting in October 2010.

The Committee also spent some time discussing Infusion and its nature as an initiative to be undertaken by individual faculty or by departments. A continued discussion of Infusion is planned for AY 2012. The Committee will also continue next year with its review of goals and outcomes for the capstone requirement, and other curricular assessment issues as requested by NEASC.