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SUBJECT:

Administrative Council Meeting: "Debate" on Health

Education

I protest that there is a conflict of interest in my reviewing and taking a stance for the School on this issue in that we are now overall responsible for Health Education's undergraduate program, I should not be debating the issue against it. I think I opened my mouth at the wrong time. I think it would be better if we could get Dean Kane to charge you, and you to request the "evidence" from Jim Rothenberger and other sources, for a review at the Administrative Council. The more I think of it the more I believe this is an Administrative Council decision rather than something that should be considered by the new external review committee for Health Education.

Other than the obvious issues of the origins of the students and the SPH recruitment rate which may or may not be available, I guess we need to clarify whether the course is required anymore for teacher training. If recommended, we need to establish whether the school is going to commit itself over the longer term. Year to year approval is unsatisfactory as far as Jim Rothenberger's support is concerned, and there will need to be a person as a backup or replacement or eventual successor to Jim Rothenberger. I think the potential impact of the shrinking of the General College needs to be evaluated.

I would suggest that we could compromise, if we decide to recommend it, by committing the School for a certain number of years rather than from year to year. Since it is now covered by a non-tenured professor that becomes an issue in long-term committment.

You mentioned that you had some ideas about evaluation and I would be grateful if you would move forward with Jim Rothenberger. I don't believe that this is an urgent matter but if my absence for the next four weeks is going to impair the evaluation then I will simply ask the Dean that he assign you to this task. Many thanks.

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