Minutes for the CEPP Meeting March 6, 2013

In attendance: Michael Arnush (chair), Beau Breslin, Hope Casto, Chris Kopec, Bill Lewis, Josh Ness, Peter von Allmen, Benjamin Bechand, '14, Corey Freeman-Gallant and Lisa Christenson (guests)

I. Minutes from February 27 were approved.

II. Student Ratings Form. The demographic questions relating to gender and race were discussed with respect to whether the work should be done by a small sub-committee and when it should be done. Peter volunteered to chair the group with the understanding that FEC would be contacted about the possibility of a sub-committee, that he would collect input during this semester (by April 15) with the bulk of the work to be done in the Fall and that a preliminary report would be made at the April 26 faculty meeting.

III. All-College Curriculum. Peter, Beau and Lisa reported on the ANCNU meeting they attended on this topic: Skidmore seems to be ahead of some larger schools with respect to considering curricular change; we are in decent shape with respect to assessment; but, we may be behind the curve with respect to the use of e-portfolios. We will need to focus on our particular vision and to think distinctively and differently about what we want a Skidmore graduate in the 21st century to study and know. We also need to determine just how much assessment we want/need of the current curriculum in relation to the learning goals, to determine which of those goals actually are within the purview of the curriculum and to sharpen our understanding of some of the competencies we will be discussing (science literacy for example).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 am

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Kopec