**Minutes for the CEPP meeting of October 5, 2011**

**In attendance:** Michael Arnush, Logan Brenner (student rep), Rochelle Calhoun, Janet Casey, Rubén Graciani, Mimi Hellman, Chris Kopec, Susan Kress, Josh Ness (Chair), Thomas Rivera (student rep)

1. **Minutes.** The minutes of September 28 were approved with minor revisions.
2. **T&T.** The Committee confirmed its decision to form a subcommittee of CEPP faculty members to review this initiative. The charge needs to be finalized and membership and timeline are yet to be determined; students and administrators on CEPP will be consulted regularly. Josh will inform the faculty of this step at the Friday meeting.
3. **Arthur Vining Davis grant.** At request of FEC, this will be discussed at the faculty meeting with the President framing the topic and moderating. The Committee recognizes that this initiative emerges from a conversation about civic engagement that is rooted in Goal III of the Strategic Plan and has been in progress since 2008 with the involvement of numerous faculty members. It was noted that civic engagement is already part of the curriculum, and that the grant is not intended to be prescriptive or unilateral: it seeks to support the faculty in developing definitions and entirely voluntary modes of implementation that will vary from one department/program to another.
4. **Civic engagement in the FYE.** The Committee discussed the objection of a current Scribner Seminar instructor (not a member of CEPP) to the presence of this component in the roster of FYE 4th hour offerings. It was agreed that all units of the 4th hour program are optional; faculty members are free to direct peer mentors to deliver them or not. It was agreed that it is not in CEPP’s purview to monitor revisions to the peer mentoring seminar syllabus.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45.

Respectfully submitted by Mimi Hellman