**CEPP Meeting Minutes**

**30 November 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)

**Review of Minutes**. The minutes were approved as presented.

**Science Literacy Charge.** CEPP reviewed and revised slightly the latest draft of the charge as well as the language for the Willingness-to-Serve call. The charge itself will be posted on CEPP’s web page and faculty will be referred to it in the WTS email message.

The Committee also discussed the possible need to distinguish between the work of CEPP on this issue and the ongoing work of other interested groups on campus, notably the recently developed Faculty Interest Group on Science Literacy. CEPP hopes that some of the faculty in the FIG will respond to the forthcoming WTS call for the Science Literacy subcommittee.

**Review of Culture Centered Inquiry Forum.** After comparing notes, CEPP members agreed that three major perspectives were presented in the forum:

 1) Although there seemed to be considerable support for *widening* the current CD offerings so as to include more courses that would fulfill the requirement, there was little support for an additional course.

 2) Many in attendance seemed unsure about whether an additional course would appropriately address our pedagogical aims (including the Student Learning & Development Goals).

 3) Some asked why this particular requirement should be prioritized over others at this moment, especially with Science Literacy goals also under discussion in the community.

 4) Some urged CEPP to reconsider the General Education requirements in totality.

These sentiments have led CEPP to believe that a motion to the faculty regarding an added Cultural Difference requirement is not appropriate at this time.

The Committee discussed the relative merits of 1) taking on a reassessment of the entire general education curriculum; or 2) articulating more clearly the immediate need to add a second CD requirement. For the moment, CEPP has accepted Susan Kress’s offer to conduct an additional conversation about these issues at the Academic Staff retreat on December 13th.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

 Respectfully submitted,

 Janet Casey