

CEPP Statement on HEOP-FYE at 12-02-05 Faculty Meeting

I would like to provide a brief update on the discussions between HEOP, the FYE, the DOF, and CEPP regarding the Scribner Seminars available for HEOP students in the Fall of 2006.

The question of whether the 40 HEOP students arriving next Fall will be distributed in one or two clusters of Scribner Seminars has not yet been resolved. At the moment a two-cluster approach is being pursued – with one cluster of 6 sections of Human Dilemmas and another cluster of two sections on a topic yet to be determined. According to this model, the 40 HEOP students would be distributed so that 5 students would be enrolled in each of the 8 sections – 30 students in the Human Dilemmas cluster and 10 students in the second cluster. We expect to know next week whether this second cluster will, in fact, materialize.

When representatives from the HEOP office attended a CEPP meeting a few weeks ago they indicated that a two-cluster approach is, from their perspective, less than ideal. It is less than ideal, according to HEOP, because they offer a summer bridge course for all first-year HEOP students that relies a good deal on the content in Human Dilemmas. Yet the HEOP staff has also repeatedly said that they can, if necessary, work with the two-cluster model. The Director of the First Year Experience has consistently supported a two-cluster approach, but has *also* been flexible about the parameters of the plan when it comes to the Fall of 2006.

Although CEPP has endorsed the two-cluster approach for the Fall of 2006, I want to emphasize that the committee has not settled on a long-term policy regarding HEOP's integration into the FYE. Various models for a long-term solution will be discussed earlier next semester – although the venue for these discussions has not yet been determined.

We ask for your patience as we try to resolve this tricky issue. I'm optimistic that HEOP and the FYE can arrive at a long-term solution that will best serve all of Skidmore's incoming first year students.

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