CEPP Meeting Minutes

October 30, 2019

In Attendance: Peter von Allmen, Andrew Bozio, Riley Filister, Pat Hilleren, Steve Ives, Jina Mao, Noa Mills, Feryaz Ocakli, and Michael Orr.

Absent: Cerri Banks

Meeting began at 2:36 pm

1. Minutes approved after minor changes.
2. Ives provided updates to the committee: ACOP reviewed six travel seminars and tentatively approved four.
3. CEPP discussed the revised proposal drafted by the language study requirement working group. Members considered the potential difficulties of implementing a proficiency test, as well as the question of what body would be responsible for administering and evaluating the results of such a test. In discussing such a test, members noted the difference between linguistic proficiency and the cultural knowledge gained through language study. One other concern was that exemptions to the language study requirement may create a precedent for exemptions in other domains. In search of next steps, members discussed sharing the proposal with the Department of World Languages and Literatures. CEPP resolved to ask Mary Lou Bates for information about linguistic fluency among admitted students. CEPP also resolved to invite Viviana Rangil, chair of World Languages and Literatures, to a future meeting to hear her perspective.
4. CEPP then turned to the IdeaLab proposal and agreed to endorse the most recent proposal, as shared via email by Beau Breslin. Members resolved to encourage Breslin to move onto the next stage of the approval process, with the understanding that CEPP would approve the final version.
5. Finally, CEPP reviewed Ives’s revised schedule. Members considered sharing this schedule with Dave DeConno to get his feedback.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.