

Committee for Educational Policies and Planning
Annual Report 2016-2017

Function: To recommend to the faculty and administration short and long-range educational plans for the College and thus be instrumental in clarifying, improving and changing major policies and educational procedures; to evaluate Skidmore's present practices and goals.

Membership

2018 Erica Bastress-Dukehart, History, tenured
2016 April Bernard, English, tenured
2019 Marta Brunner, Library, untenured
2018 Sarah Coker, '19, SGA student representative
2017 Cathy Hill, Management and Business, untenured
2018 Henry Jaffe, '18, SGA student representative
2017 Kelly Sheppard, Chemistry, tenured
2019 Janet Sorensen, Art, tenured
2016 Nicole Werner, '18, SGA student representative (fall only)
Cerri Banks, Vice President for Student Affairs
Beau Breslin, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dean of Faculty

CEPP met 24 times during the 2016-2017 academic year, including two extended retreats in January and May.

General Education Curriculum

- CEPP used the majority of its meetings to discuss, review, and amend its proposal for a new general education curriculum. The committee conducted one presentation of the general education proposal at the November 2016 faculty meeting. The committee also held two faculty forums during spring semester, 2017, to discuss the proposal. CEPP brought a motion to the March faculty meeting to hold over for a vote at the April 7th faculty meeting. The motion was tabled at the latter meeting after a lengthy discussion. CEPP brought the motion back to the April 28th faculty meeting for a vote, where the faculty passed it. CEPP met with the Board of Trustees in May to discuss the new general education curriculum.

Other Business

- CEPP discussed an Africana Studies Program. This discussion will continue in the fall.
- CEPP approved the Eduardo Albanell '16 Prize in Art.
- The committee discussed and approved the 2018-2019 Academic Calendar.
- CEPP also asked the Registrar if it would be possible to find an unscheduled block of time during the week when events or meetings would not overlap with

- classes. In order to accomplish this, more classes would need to be scheduled earlier and later in the day. This discussion will continue in the coming year.
- CEPP reviewed and endorsed CAS' request to decrease the GPA requirement for study abroad. The committee also reviewed and endorsed CAS' proposal to change requirements for auditing a class.
 - CEPP reviewed a new study abroad program in New Zealand, which the faculty voted to approve at the March 2017 faculty meeting.
 - At the request of Sarah Goodwin, Assessment Coordinator, CEPP discussed assessment of the current general education curriculum for the next academic year.
 - The committee met with the current and incoming chairs of Curriculum Committee to discuss proposals for certificate programs. This discussion will continue in the fall of 2017.
 - CEPP endorsed OCSE's proposal to terminate the Skidmore in Paris Fall Seminar.

Respectfully submitted by Erica Bastress-Dukehart, CEPP Chair