

Minutes of CEPP Meeting
October 29, 2002

Present: Pat Fehling, Ray Rodrigues, Catherine Bookhout, Gordon Thompson, Pat Oles, Paty Rubio, Hugh Foley, John Brueggeman, Amelia Rauser (scribe)

1. Minutes of the past two meetings were approved.
2. Reports:
 - Distance Learning: While comments have been received from CC, UWW and CAS, we are still waiting for feedback from IRC.
 - China Program: PF will meet with the key parties on the China Program committee to communicate with them about the additional information CEPP needs in order to consider their proposal.
 - *Skidmore News*: CEPP will draft a brief response to the letter by “C.R.” published in the *SN* concerning reconfiguration. JB will draft this letter, CEPP members will weigh in, and we will submit the letter for this week’s issue. Our goal is to encourage a more sophisticated institutional discourse.
3. Chemistry/Physics Proposal:

CEPP discussed the new responses and data provided by CH/PY to our previous questions. Among the issues discussed: the overall merits of the proposal; the best and most problematic rationales for the proposal; the accuracy of estimated costs of splitting the departments; and the utility of those funds spent on splitting vs. other initiatives in the sciences, or elsewhere in the college. CEPP agreed that the next step is to invite leaders from CH/PY to meet with us to communicate with them about the strengths and weaknesses in their proposal. PF will invite them to attend our next meeting; meanwhile CEPP will compile a brief set of “highlights” of our appraisal of the proposal and provide that to those leaders in advance so that they may prepare for the meeting.

Action Plan:

- JB will circulate Skidmore News letter to CEPP and members will respond promptly.
- HF will get us started on our CH/PY highlights memo.
- Next week’s meeting will be in Bolton 101.