

CEPP Minutes of Meeting # 10. November 12, 2002

Present: Catherine Bookhout, John Brueggemann, Pat Fehling (Chair), Hugh Foley, Nick Merrill, Pat Oles, Amelia Rauser, Ray Rodrigues, Gordon Thompson, Paty Rubio

I. Minutes of meeting #9 were approved.

II. China Program. Mao Chen informed Pat Fehling that in January she will send CEPP a proposal regarding the Beijing Program. CEPP will discuss it as soon as it can, early in the spring.

III. CFG informed Pat Fehling that Michael Arnush will fill the CEPP vacancy produced by John Brueggeman's appointment to Associate Dean.

IV. Distance Learning. We discussed the responses from CC, CAS and IRC. All three committees expressed caution and some skepticism regarding approval of on-line courses for students in the residential program. This is probably due to the fact that institutions we compare ourselves to have yet to set policy on this matter.

We discussed the possibility of establishing one set of guidelines for transferring conventional (in-class) and on-line courses. It was argued, however, that standards for acceptance of on-line courses need to be higher, as we may not be able to readily ascertain the quality of the educational experience. We agreed that department chairs will continue to make such judgments, and that we will propose a set of guidelines to aid and guide them in the process.

We decided that at a still unspecified time, we will bring to Academic Staff and then submit to the faculty a policy and a set of guidelines for on-line courses taken by students in the residential program. The policy will apply to:

conventional courses from accredited institutions
on-line courses from accredited institutions

We discussed recommending the rejection of on-line courses from non-accredited institutions. We did not finalize the discussion regarding acceptance of conventional courses from non-accredited institutions.

Pat Fehling will ask Ann Henderson to inform us of existing guidelines for the transfer of conventional courses.

We also agreed that at a later date we will examine the status of on-line courses in Summer Programs and UWW.

Respectfully submitted,

Paty Rubio