

CEPP meeting #26, April 16, 2003

Present: Michael Arnush, Catherine Bookhout, John Brueggeman (for Chuck Joseph), Pat Fehling (chair), Hugh Foley, Pat Oles, Amelia Rauser, Ray Rodrigues, Paty Rubio, Gordon Thompson

1. Minutes from meeting #25, April 9, 2003, forthcoming from GT
2. Academic Vision: PF reminded the committee of the goals and deadline for completing individual reports in preparation for the 5/19-21 retreat:
  - a. Goals to address: what we do, what others do, what we aspire to do, and how we propose to attain our goals logistically and financially
  - b. Deadline: complete all reports and share electronically within CEPP by Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. CEPP members should attempt to engage other colleagues about issues relevant to their areas of interest and/or expertise before the onset of summer.
3. Calendar: PO provided an extensive summary of the deliberations of an ACC subcommittee on calendar issues (about which CEPP advises but does not hold final decision-making authority): e.g., attempts to balance competing interests on student time during the end of the spring semester; the length of senior week; inadequate synchronization between, and the estimation of sufficient time for, study days and final exams; the disparity between the experiences of lower- and upperclass students regarding the completion of semestrial final projects and taking final exams; and, overall, the impact of calendar issues on academic quality. PO noted that the ACC subcommittee recognized that its purview did not cover all of these issues and suggests that CEPP consider the specific issues and broader strokes during its discussion of academic vision. Committee members advised that this discussion occur within the context of honors & prizes, and the committee's positions on academic vision, standards and expectations. PF suggested that Ann Henderson participate in the May retreat when CEPP considers alternative calendar schedules.
4. Honors Task Force: the committee rehearsed the email discussion that took place during the previous week, prompted by suggestions from JB and Sarah Goodwin in the DOF's office that a task force examine the coordination and proliferation of honors. The concerns raised via email by GT and PR focused on CEPP's role in shaping honors policies. JB suggested the need to coordinate events that occur at the end of the spring semester (Academic Festival, Honors Convocation, Phi Beta Kappa, Periclean awards, etc.), to have CEPP and the office of the DOF cooperate on such coordination, to fold CAS into the discussion, and to address whether streamlining also might be warranted. Committee members decided to advise the creation of a subcommittee that would focus on these issues this summer and report to CEPP in the fall. The task force will consist of Jon Ramsey (Office of Dean of Studies), Sarah

Goodwin (Office of Dean of Faculty), and Ann Henderson (Registrar and Director of Institutional Research).

5. Proposal for Growth of International Programs: Cori Filson, director of the Office of International Programs, has proposed changes in various aspects of international study and is seeking input from CEPP. Some of the issues Cori has raised are relevant to the committee's discussion of academic vision viz. the internationalization of the curriculum, and so MA and PR will address some of the issues in the OIP proposal in their presentation to the committee at the May retreat. In addition, the committee will begin a preliminary discussion of the proposal at meeting #27, April 23, 2003.
6. Skidmore-in-Beijing Program Proposal: PF, on behalf of CEPP, will bring the Beijing proposal (approved by CEPP) to the faculty at the April 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, seeking a waiver for the layover of the motion in order for the faculty to address the issue and vote on the proposal on 4/25. PF hopes to disseminate the proposal to all of the faculty by Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.
7. Enrollment and Assessment: at the April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, the subcommittee on enrollment presented a preliminary report. GT, on behalf of the subcommittee, will offer a final report prior to the April 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting for discussion at that time. In addition, RR and Sarah Goodwin will share in advance of that meeting an overarching assessment policy.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Arnush