

CEPP Minutes, February 17, 2004

Present: M. Arnush, M. Fair, H. Foley, F. Gonzalez, C. Joseph, N. Merrill, P. Oles, R. Rodriguez, P. Rubio (scribe), L. Simon, G. Thompson (chair)

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of February 3 and 10 were approved.

Chairs Comments:

Gordon announced that CEPP will soon receive a proposal for the establishment of a Department of Dance.

Middle States Ten-Year Review

Sarah Goodwin will direct the Steering Committee responsible for the self-study. CEPP's task will be to discuss and endorse it, and although still undetermined, it will also contribute to the work of the Steering Committee.

Honors

Jon Ramsey has presented to CEPP a document with 21 proposals for streamlining the process and tightening the qualifications for the Dean's list. The document proposes to move from a honors' selection process based on students' CUMs, to a percentage of the class (25%). Nick and Meagan will discuss Ramsey's proposals with Academic Council. It may not be possible for CEPP to include Jon's proposal on this year's agenda, despite the committee's good will to discuss it and bring it to the floor of the faculty before Jon's retirement later in the spring. CEPP also recommended to Chuck to inform Academic Staff of Jon's suggestions.

Hartnett Prize in Neuroscience. CEPP approved Mary Ann and Hugh Foley's proposal and endowment of this new prize in a major that, due to its short life, has not yet recognized the work of its most accomplished students.

Vision

We focused on the faculty's response to the CEPP motion at its February meeting. After a lengthy discussion, the committee decided to table the motion as proceeding with it could result in a negative vote, the consequences of which would be dire for CEPP's work on academic vision. Chuck will fold the four principles into the preamble thus better connecting them with the implementation of the vision. Chuck also informed the committee that the work CEPP has completed thus far has been useful to the President as he speaks to various constituencies, including the Trustees, around the country.

As Gordon promised to the faculty, before the year's end CEPP will move a proposal regarding the First Year Experience. CEPP agreed to bring to the faculty a fairly detailed proposal which constitutes a departure from its initial intention of submitting a general proposal the details of which would be worked out over the summer. Gordon asked CEPP members to express to him by e-mail their willingness to serve on a First Year Experience subcommittee. He also expressed his disappointment with CEPP's decision to table the motion.

