

CEPP Minutes, 9/22/04

Present: Michael Arnush (chair), Meaghan Fair '05, Hugh Foley, Matthew Hockenos, Charles Joseph, Ruth Andrea Levinson, Peter Logan '05, Pat Oles Paty Rubio, Gordon Thompson

- 1) Minutes of 9/8/04 CEPP meeting approved
- 2) First Year Seminar Proposal
 - a) Discussion about how to amend the FYS/FYE proposal without fundamentally altering it. The committee acknowledged that the issue of whether or not to cross-count FY seminars is a controversial one. MA has arranged for a joint Curriculum-Committee/CEPP meeting for next Wednesday (9/29/04) in order to discuss cross-counting with CC, the chair of which, Michael Ennis-McMillan, has expressed deep reservations about cross-counting. MA and CJ advocate that CEPP eliminate the possibility for cross-counting for the time being and revisit the issue in approximately 2 years. PR agrees with this suggestion but expresses concern about the loss of LS2 courses for Women's Studies and other programs.
 - b) Discussion about the interdisciplinary nature of the FY seminars. Some faculty have expressed concerns to MA about this and wish to see CEPP amend the proposal to allow for disciplinary and interdisciplinary FY seminars. MA suggests that we allow this but strong opposition from HF, PR, PO, CJ, RL, and MH. MA then suggests that we better define interdisciplinarity and with that the issue is resolved.
 - c) MA reports that in meetings with HEOP director Sue Layden the issue has been raised (again) that they would like to see specific language in the proposal that ensures that HEOP advisers will be assigned to HEOP students in addition to the adviser/mentor who teaches their FYS. But there is some opposition within CEPP about singling out HEOP for special attention when there are other programs, such as pre-med, that might also want to assign "second" advisers.
 - d) The discussion about advising leads to another question posed by MA: is it possible for a professor not teaching a FYS to have advisees in a

“regular” departmental course. The committee agrees that this is an issue that could be revisited in approximately 2 years.

e) The discussion about HEOP raised another question: what is the difference between advising and mentoring? RL agrees to write approximately a paragraph explaining what she understands to be the key differences between advising and mentoring.

f) Brief discussion about Bill Fox’s comment, made at the Open Forum on 9/17/04, that the fourth credit hour associated with the FYS was problematic because it was not sufficiently defined how that hour would be spent. MA reported that in discussions with Ann Henderson it was recognized that it is not unusual to have a fourth credit hour devoted to mentoring, co-curricular activities, etc.

g) Brief discussion of the place of studio/lab courses, and how with some flexibility re: the allocation of hours for studio/lab time courses in these disciplines could meet the guidelines of the FYS.

h) Grace Burton, Dean of Studies, asked MA and CEPP to give more time and attention to the residential life side of the FYS/FYE. PO and HF both contended that this type of discussion should be postponed until the proposal has passed.

i) The committee agreed that it would be helpful for MA and CJ to write separate letters to the faculty addressing controversial issues and clarifying the CEPP proposal before the 10/1/04 faculty meeting.

3) Dance Proposal

MA reported that he is meeting with Mary DiSanto-Rose and Denise Smith to discuss the dance proposal and that there will be an open forum on the dance proposal on 10/8/04.

Respectfully submitted, Matthew Hockenos