

CEPP Minutes, 10/27/04

Present: Michael Arnush (chair), Meaghan Fair '05, Hugh Foley, Matthew Hockenos (scribe), Sarah Goodwin (for Chuck Joseph), Ruth Andrea Levinson, Peter Logan '05, Pat Oles, Ray Rodrigues, Paty Rubio, Gordon Thompson

1. Minutes for 10/13/04 approved
2. Peter Logan '05 regrettably resigned from CEPP in order to focus on his studies. M. Arnush and the entire committee expressed their sincere thanks for Peter's hard work.
3. First Year Seminar: Discussion of Curriculum Committee's Conversion of LS1 or LS2 to a First-Year Seminar form. Debate centered on whether it should be mandatory for the FYS course goals, all nine, to be included on every FYS syllabus. Some CEPP members believed that FYS faculty would find this "authoritarian" and others believed that it would help expedite the process of approving the dozens of FYS syllabi that will be submitted in the coming weeks. CEPP decided to inform Michael Ennis-McMillan, chair of CC, of our concerns and to allow him (in consultation with M. Arnush) to make the final decision.
4. Paty Rubio agreed to take M. Arnush's place at the next faculty meeting (Nov. 5, 2004) and to present two CEPP's motion: 1) to terminate Skidmore's affiliation with Regent's College for the FYE in London and 2) to establish an affiliation with the Institute for the International Education of Studies (IES) for the FYE in London.
5. Cori Filson, Director of International Programs, joined CEPP to explain her office's "Proposal for Establishment of Affiliation with the Institute for the International Education of Students (IES) for Skidmore College's First-Year Experience. In short, faculty and students have complained that Regent's College is not academically challenging enough. Therefore the Office of International Programs (OIP) is recommending that FYE in London affiliate with IES, which has agreed to work very closely with Skidmore to create a more academically challenging program. IES would take over much of the administrative work thereby freeing up Skidmore faculty to be more attentive to academics. IES, which has a building in central London with classrooms, will make sure that the courses Skidmore students need and want will be offered. Cori agreed to make sure that more 100- and 200-level courses will be available. Skidmore students will take four 4-credit courses, one of which will be taught by a member of the Skidmore faculty. The other three courses will be taught by IES faculty, all of whom have positions at British universities. The two Skidmore faculty who are acting directors will each teach a section of FYS in the fall and will return to Skidmore in the spring to continue with their mentoring. Cori acknowledged that there will be extra costs to Skidmore but believes that these costs are well worth it.
6. Cori Filson also explained that earlier this semester CEPP, in conjunction with the Office of International Programs, established a CEPP subcommittee - the Advisory Committee on International Study (ACIS) - to work with OIP in the selection of procedures for Partner Programs. These programs will constitute the

preferred programs to which we send Skidmore students, who will be able to apply all of their financial aid to the programs on the list. The ACIS has now established criteria for the selection of the Partner Programs and will be asking departments to help choose Partner Programs based on these criteria.

7. CEPP briefly discussed Jim Kennelly's proposal that Skidmore establish a 4+1 articulation agreement with the Graduate College of Union University, thus permitting Skidmore students to complete an MBA degree with one year of matriculation at Union University.