

CEPP Meeting
November 10, 2004

Present: Michael Arnush (Chair), Meghan Fair, Hugh Foley, Matt Hockenos, Ruth Andrea Levinson, Ray Rodrigues, Paty Rubio, Gordon Thompson

The Minutes of 11/3/04 were amended and approved.

MA announced his resignation from CEPP, effective the end of the semester, because of the need to focus on directing the FYE. (Congratulations Michael!) MA solicited interest among the committee for taking on the role of Chair. No one expressed any interest. MA will speak with CFG regarding a replacement. CEPP will need to resolve the issue by December.

MA reviewed the spring agenda, to which CEPP added a discussion of Citizenship.

The proposal for changes to the London Program (for first-year students) will be brought to the faculty at the 11/12 meeting (postponed from 11/5).

MA met with Jim Kennelly to discuss the proposal for an affiliation with Union University (MBA program). There is no financial cost to Skidmore for participation in the program, which Jim expects to attract 5-6 students a year. There is no overlap with the RPI program, because that affiliation was terminated 2 years ago. The committee seemed favorably disposed to the proposal, but thought that the affiliation should be assessed after it had been in place for 4-5 years. Some members of the committee expressed concerns that students anticipating pursuing the MBA through Union would take even more MB courses (to fulfill the program's prerequisites), which might create even more narrowly educated students.

CEPP will invite representatives of SPG to the next CEPP meeting to discuss the EES proposal. At a recent SPG meeting, faculty reactions to the EES proposal were mixed. CEPP may choose to delay bringing the EES proposal before the faculty until the committee has had an opportunity to further review and discuss the proposal. It seemed clear that CJ would be the one to introduce and defend the proposal when it does go before the faculty.

CEPP briefly reviewed the EW proposal, which is soon to go before the EN faculty. CEPP agreed to read the proposal carefully in anticipation of collection of data necessary to support the proposed change. CEPP discussed the proposal briefly, but ultimately decided that CEPP should await the outcome of deliberations in the EN department before moving forward.

Respectfully submitted,

Hugh J. Foley