

Minutes for CEPP meeting of September 8, 2010

In attendance: Logan Brenner '12, Rochelle Calhoun, Terry Diggory, Rubén Graciani, Mimi Hellman, Chris Kopec, Susan Kress, Josh Ness, Bob Turner (Chair)

Before the meeting convened, College Librarian Ruth Copans introduced CEPP members to Library room 212, newly refurbished to accommodate activities of the Faculty Interest Network as projected in the report of the Center Study Group (CSG). CEPP conducted the day's meeting in this room to mark the symbolic occasion.

I. CEPP membership: After introductions, Bob Turner noted that Susan Kress will be replaced on CEPP by DOF Muriel Poston starting November 1, when Susan assumes the position of Acting President and Muriel assumes the position of Acting VPAA for the duration of President Glotzbach's leave. After Terry Diggory's retirement in December, Michael Arnush will replace him on CEPP. Assessment Coordinator Sarah Goodwin will attend CEPP meetings periodically in an effort to enhance coordination between CEPP and the Assessment Steering Committee (ASC).

II. Review of CEPP Agenda for This Year: After a "pep talk," Bob proposed a list of topics for CEPP to address this year. As elaborated in subsequent discussion, these topics were:

1. Teaching Excellence
 - a. follow-up on recommendations of CSG
 - b. follow-up on Rik Scarce's spring 2010 report to CEPP on course evaluations
2. Assessment: ensure effective communication between CEPP and ASC
3. Tenure track lines: follow-up on DOF request for new hiring in interdisciplinary lines as well as department lines
4. Learning goals as applied to gen ed requirements
5. Science Vision: follow-up on report presented to faculty spring 2010
6. Academic Affairs Five-Year Strategic Priorities (see below)
7. Transitions (preparing students as they leave college and enter careers): involve CEPP in this conversation, included in Academic Affairs Five-Year Strategic Priorities
8. Meaning of the Liberal Arts in the 21st Century: building on Faculty Interest Group led by Michael Arnush and Pushi Prasad last spring
9. On-line courses: follow-up on CEPP study from last year, including the questions of a) accepting on-line courses for transfer credit; b) piloting on-line course offerings by Skidmore faculty

Bob requests that CEPP members email him indicating their top priorities within this list.

III. Academic Affairs Five-Year Strategic Priorities: Susan Kress distributed this document to CEPP members and explained its development in response to the President's request that each division of the college identify priorities for the second half of the ten-year period covered by the college's Strategic Plan. Each unit within Academic Affairs has its own five-year plan. This list of priorities is distinct from the Action Agenda just coming out of President's Cabinet and now going to the Institutional Policy and Planning Committee (IPPC). Susan welcomes further questions and comments from CEPP members

Meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Terry Diggory