

Minutes for CEPP meeting of October 27, 2010

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

- I. **Approval of minutes.** The minutes of October 20 were approved with revisions.

- II. **VPAA Disciplines Project.** There was extensive discussion of how to build on the faculty presentations and conversation about disciplinary issues at the Academic Staff Retreat. Key points included:
 - Explaining one's discipline to someone outside of it is vitally important at a moment when departments and majors at some institutions are being eliminated.
 - The conversation about disciplines is related to broader conversations about curricular divisions, breadth requirements, the Science Vision, and assessment.
 - Students appreciate breadth requirements but do not actively engage issues of how and why disciplines are formed.
 - New types of events, such as student/faculty panels on research or overviews of majors, might encourage conversation about disciplines.
 - Critical examination of disciplinary histories and methods might be encouraged in capstone and other courses.
 - It is important to have conversations that are self-critical.
 - The VPAA has asked departments and programs for one-page disciplinary statements for the December Academic Staff meeting; these may help generate further conversation both within and between departments/programs. The DoF division groups and the work of the new Faculty Network Facilitator might also foster discussion.

No specific role for CEPP was identified, but the Committee hopes that the conversation will become organic rather than mandated, and may wish to discuss the outcome of the one-page exercise.

- III. **Transfer credit for online courses.** The Committee began a discussion of how to frame the resolution regarding this issue for presentation on the faculty floor. Clarification of procedure is needed from the Registrar and discussion will resume next week.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mimi Hellman