

Minutes for CEPP meeting of January 26, 2011

In attendance: Michael Arnush, Rochelle Calhoun, Rubén Graciani, Winston Grady-Willis (Guest), Chris Kopec, Josh Ness, Bob Turner (Chair)

I. Approval of December 8, 2010 Minutes
Minutes approved.

II. CEPP discussed the Spring 2011 agenda, including:

- Cultural Diversity Requirement
- Student Rating Systems
- Transitions and Transformation

The Science Vision Plan and Optimization are other issues that may affect the agenda this semester.

III. Discussion of Revising Cultural Diversity Requirement – Winston Grady Willis joined the meeting to follow-up on his Survey and Analysis of Cultural Diversity Courses at Skidmore Report which he presented at the Fall Retreat.

CEPP agreed to write a motion to establish a new set of criteria for the Cultural Diversity requirement. The motion will articulate our view that theoretical definition of cultural diversity has evolved since the original rationale was written to include gender, class, religion, and sexuality. The refined definition will also allow additional courses to satisfy the CD requirement.

We decided to not pursue the suggestion that Skidmore adopt a two course NW/CD requirement, at this time, for both logistical reasons (not enough seats) and curricular reasons. We also discussed requiring students to fulfill the requirement by their sophomore year, but we dismissed the idea for logistical and curricular reasons.

Michael and Winston are going to write the motion and the rationale. We will bring the proposal to Curriculum Committee to consult with them.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Rubén Graciani