

Minutes for CEPP Meeting of February 16, 2011

In attendance: Michael Arnush, Mimi Hellman, Chris Kopec, Josh Ness, Muriel Poston, Bob Turner (chair), Corey Freeman-Gallant (guest)

I. Corey came to discuss the latest iteration of the Transition and Transformation statement and the plans for the upcoming Roundtables with the various disciplinary divisions, the first of which is to be with Humanities Division on Friday, February 18. The Roundtables will focus on the educational and career benefits of TNT and the value of high impact learning experiences but it is hoped that additional meaningful conversations will evolve naturally.

II. Bob reported on the meeting he had with the Curriculum Committee to discuss the proposed changes to the Cultural Diversity requirement. Curriculum suggested that the proposed guidelines were not sufficiently clear to guide them in determining which courses would meet the proposed requirement. It was decided that a preamble should be added to more fully explain the requirement and that the entire process should be more comprehensive. The goal will no longer be the March faculty meeting. Instead, the Cultural Diversity requirement will be further discussed during at least the course of this semester, in connection with any possible Science Literacy requirement. A committee, chaired by Winston Grady-Willis, will facilitate this and will perform a role similar to the informal science literacy group formed and chaired by Mark Hoffman. We agreed that, in general, the curriculum must be aligned with the student learning goals recently adopted by the college and should, perhaps, best be considered as a whole, rather than in a piecemeal fashion.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 am.

Respectfully submitted by Chris Kopec