CEPP Meeting Minutes

21 September 2011

**Present:** Michael Arnush,Logan Brenner (student representative), Rochelle Calhoun, Janet Casey, Mimi Hellman, Chris Kopec, Susan Kress, Joshua Ness (Chair), Rubén Graciani, Thomas Rivera (student representative)

Minutes from the meeting on 9/14/2011 were approved with minor revisions.

I. The CEPP discussed the Transition and Transformation Initiative that carried over from 2010-2011. The committee articulated several key points:

1. The relationship of the initial Transition & Transformation document to the business at hand, primarily that a widely informed sub-committee originating from the CEPP should be put together and charged with articulating the best steps forward for the Transition & Transformation Initiative.
2. The clarification of the charge written by Josh Ness and Chris Kopec. The Chair introduced a second draft of the charge with a more streamlined approach to language and information. The committee discussed the merits of approach to the two versions of the document. Chris Kopec agreed to proceed with finalizing the newest draft presented by the Chair. Strategy for how to best roll out the new charge to faculty before the next full faculty meeting was also discussed.
3. Confusion about process that seems to have carried over from last year, and therefore articulating CEPP’s position regarding the timeline presented by Dean Calhoun is advisable. The timeline document will be made public at the Dean’s discretion.
4. The status and make-up of a new sub-committee to be charged by the CEPP to help facilitate the initiative going forward. Mentioned as possible criteria for the success of the working group were that it be a group comprised with disciplinary breadth including:
   * People who have experience with elements of the initiative
   * People who have experience with how the faculty and students interact with student life at the college
   * Those who are well informed about the work and process, but may have reservations about the initiative
   * Untenured faculty
   * Whether there would be a willingness to serve created through FEC or whether the group would be constituted through CEPP

The general issues that have arisen in relation to the Transition & Transformation Initiative were discussed. The process issues brought up by the FEC were discussed but it was agreed (not unanimously) that the Transition & Transformation Initiative has been misinterpreted but does not suffer from a lack of coherency in process. There is concern that there may be a PR problem with the Transition & Transformation Initiative being lumped together with the issues raised by faculty in relation to the AVD grant.

There was robust discussion centered on differences of opinion regarding the CEPP’s powers to form sub-committees as stated in the Faculty Handbook.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Rubén Graciani