

Committee on Educational Policies and Planning
Report, December 2003

1. Have been pursuing discussions about who we are academically and what we are capable of achieving. The Academic Vision discussions come at a critical juncture in our history: we have a new president, we are at the beginning of a campaign, we have data that indicates we need to do something and can do something about our first- and second-year students, and we see interconnecting our campus to the wider world as an attractive and transforming opportunity.
2. We have held two forums and have listened to the faculty members who attended. We originally intended to bring the Academic Vision Statement to you today for a vote of confidence in the spirit of the document. However, we think in good faith that we need to consider your opinions in our next draft. We intend to work during the winter break to address your questions and to explore how we can communicate our ideas better. We will bring a revised draft to you at the February meeting, particularly of the Components section. We do not see this as significantly disrupting our schedule.
3. We have formed two large subcommittees to consider (a) the First-year Experience and Advising and (b) the internationalization and cultural diversity of our educational experience. They will be reporting back to CEPP in a few weeks and we will consider their recommendations in the formation of creative solutions. We will enfold their recommendations into future revisions of the ViSta.
4. We are in the process of drafting the charges for additional (but smaller) subcommittees and will make a request for interested faculty early next week.