

November 19, 2002

Present: Hugh Foley, Paty Rubio, Pat Fehling (Chair), Gordon Thompson, Ray Rodrigues, John Brueggemann (minutes), Nick Merrill, Amelia Rauser, Catherine Bookhout, Pat Oles

The minutes of November 12, 2002 were approved with minor changes.

Pat Fehling asked CEPP members to forward to her the times we are not available for meetings next semester, keeping in mind that we need to try to find a one and a half hour slot.

PF gave a report on where we are on distance learning.

1. CEPP generally agrees that Skidmore should adopt some policy that allows for the transfer of DL credits.
2. CEPP needs to think through the appropriate process for pursuing such policy at the college level.
3. CEPP needs to develop a final working document with clearly articulated guidelines (or “considerations”) before we take the next step.

John Brueggemann summarized the current status of our working paper. We then had a wide-ranging discussion about various matters linked to DL. We agreed that the policy we intend to propose will limit the number of DL credits that Skidmore students can transfer to six. This will communicate to students and faculty the qualified support we have for DL experiences in general and the expectation that they should only complement the more conventional Skidmore experience, which is in crucial ways defined by extensive personal interaction. JB will try to integrate the substance of this discussion into a revised version of the working paper, combining previously developed text. He will share it on email, receive critique and then revise it again and bring it to CEPP’s meeting.

The discussion then turned to the proposed changes in LS1. We agreed that Skidmore should have an LS1 program and that this proposal is an appropriate mechanism for thinking through meaningful reform. We recognized that the proposed new structure of LS1 is consistent with the objectives originally outlined in the initial manifestation of LS1. We concluded that this work is not a major policy issue and is therefore not subject to primary oversight on the part of CEPP. However, our discussion generated a number of suggestions that many thought would be useful to the LS1 working group. We agreed to study the document and forward our concerns to Gordon Thompson, who will organize them and bring them back to CEPP for discussion before we forward them to the working group.