

CEPP Minutes
Meeting of April 2, 2003

Present: Chuck Joseph, Michael Arnush, Pat Fehling, Catherine Bookhout, Ray Rodrigues, Paty Rubio, Gordon Thompson, Amelia Rauser (scribe), Nick Merrill, Pat Oles, Hugh Foley

1. Approval of past meetings' minutes was deferred till next time.
2. Academic Vision updates:
 - GT has scanned in the Commission on the 90s Report; HF will make it appear on CEPP's website
 - CEPP's retreat will be attended by CJ and one of the associate deans as appropriate
 - CEPP will give an out report on Academic Vision at the April 25 faculty meeting
 - Members of CEPP should check in with the rest of the committee before making large-scale requests for information from folks outside the committee; we want to coordinate our efforts and avoid redundancy where possible
3. Multiple Visions: CEPP discussed the Science Planning Group and their search for a vision within the sciences; we agreed it will be helpful to encourage other "divisions" also to consider their visions. We discussed timing and planning, and agreed that soliciting "area visions" might occur in the early fall as part of the launch of CEPP's vision to the community.
4. Beijing Program: We discussed the merits and potential problems of the proposed exchange/ abroad program in China. CEPP approved the proposal and will ask the Steering Committee to address the following questions in their final version of the proposal:
 - Will the DOF ultimately be at the top of the organizational structure and in charge of oversight, as with Skidmore's Paris and Madrid programs?
 - What will be the impact on resources and enrollments here at Skidmore?
 - Is there enough demand at Skidmore to make this program viable?
 - Are there enough faculty in Beijing who will be able to teach and mentor our students well, and thereby encourage others to sign up?
 - What will be the criteria for judging success when the program is reviewed in 3 years?PF described the timeline for this program's approval: she will report on our concerns to the steering committee; the program will be both discussed and (if the layover is successfully waived) voted on at the April 25 faculty meeting; Curriculum Committee will then take up the courses for approval in the fall.