

CEPP Minutes, Meeting May 11, 2004

Present: Michael Arnush, Hugh Foley, Frank González, Matt Hockenos, Chuck Joseph, Ray Rodrigues, Paty Rubio (scribe), Linda Simon, Gordon Thompson (Chair). Invited guests for discussion of item 3: Jon Ramsey, Sarah Goodwin.

New Business:

1) CEPP approved the Skidmore affiliation with the Sage Graduate School as outlined in the document presented to the committee. CEPP will propose a review schedule for this and other existing affiliations.

2) CEPP one-day retreat: after considering several options, and in light of the fact that the FYE has not been brought to a vote of the faculty, CEPP agreed to convene interested faculty to a one-day retreat. The group will consider and make proposals on the FYE issues that continue to preoccupy various college constituencies: the writing requirement and the role of writing in FYS, counting of FYS for interdisciplinary programs, staffing of FYS, the mentoring component.

3) Academic Honors and Prizes

Jon Ramsey presented salient aspects of the document "Some Discussion Points Regarding Academic Honors and Prizes" (11/02/03), and explained the process that led to his writing of the document. CEPP approved the following proposals:

1) To abandon the distinctions of honors and highest honors and stop linking the list to a particular GPA. Instead, award Dean's List distinction on the grade report to the top 25% in each class year.

2) To reconsider the existence of Periclean as a separate society and fold it into the Honors Forum.

3) To assign the honorary Latin distinctions to specific percentages of the senior class.

4) To reaffirm the principle of not splitting departmental prizes. Chuck will bring it to the attention of the chairs in the fall.