

Committee on Educational Policies and Planning (CEPP)
2009-2010 Annual Report

Membership for 2009-2010

Erica Bastress-

Department Name Change

CEPP approved a name change for the Department of Exercise Science to the Department of Health and Exercise Sciences

January Conferral of Degrees

The committee supported a proposal from the Registrar to formalize procedures for the conferral of January degrees.

***Policy to Appeal a Final Failing Grade**

After two years of discussions with faculty (including a forum and a Committee of the Whole at the March faculty meeting), students (including a March student forum organized by the Academic Council of SGA), administration, and College Counsel, and after many intense conversations within the committee, CEPP brought a motion for a Policy to Appeal a Final Failing Grade to the faculty for a vote at the April 9, 2010, faculty meeting. The Policy passed by a majority vote (98 yes, 27 no).

Intellectual Property Policy

CEPP reviewed the College's new Intellectual Property Policy, brought to the committee by the Dean of Faculty, Muriel Poston.

Mature students

The committee discussed how Skidmore might accommodate the educational needs of mature students now that UWW is in the process of being phased out. CEPP is concerned that as the College explores educational opportunities for Skidmore employees, it should address the needs of older students from the region who are interested in auditing courses or taking courses for credit. This is a discussion that CEPP will continue in the coming year.

Science Vision Plan

CEPP co-chaired a forum with Mark Hofmann, chair of the Science Vision Working Group, to answer questions regarding the Science Vision Plan. Issues that arose at this forum included resource and space concerns, the meaning of interdisciplinarity at Skidmore, the future of science requirements in relation to the General Education curriculum, and the role of the social sciences in the Science Vision. Discussions will continue next year.

Center Study Group Report

CEPP endorsed the Center Study Group report that the CSG presented to the Vice President for Academic Affairs, Susan Kress. The VPAA reported to CEPP at the May retreat the steps she is taking to implement several of the recommendations made by the Center Study Group. The Study Group Report can be found at:

http://cms.skidmore.edu/academic_affairs/Center_for_Faculty_Excellence/index.cfm

Academic Calendar 2012-2013

In May, CEPP discussed and endorsed the 2012-2013 Academic Calendar proposed by Ann Henderson.

