

CEPP Minutes, November 14, 2003

Present: Michael Arnush (scribe), Meghan Fair, Hugh Foley, Frank Gonzalez, Pat Oles, David Peterson, Paty Rubio, Ray Rodrigues

1. Minutes of the Nov. 7, 2003 meeting approved with revisions.
2. GT: work continues on the retention task force (CRAP). MA requested that we consider retention beyond the first year, which led to a discussion of the duration of the advisor/advisee relationship. HF suggested we not let CEPP's ViSta and agenda take on too many issues now, and that some issues can receive consideration down the road. The critical issues remain the first-year course, residential life, advising and mentoring, and the all-college requirements.

Other issues germane to retention that we discussed included

- why some students choose to transfer from Skidmore: Pat Oles summarized the NSSE data, which show that the preponderance of transfers occur due to