

CEPP report at November 2005 Faculty Meeting on DOS-restructuring

I would like to provide a brief report on how CEPP has been addressing the restructuring of the offices of the Dean of Studies and the Dean of Student Affairs and what CEPP intends to do in the future concerning this matter. The last time I spoke to you on this issue was at our September faculty meeting when I explained that CEPP will not be reviewing the process that led to the restructuring but will, in two years time, conduct a thorough review of the academic services each office provides and the rationale for providing those services in one office rather than the other.

Although we are waiting two years before we begin, we have already begun to prepare for the review in a number of important ways. First we are meeting with the deans and associate deans who are, or will be, affected by the restructuring. Second, we are discussing the rationale for moving the Dean of Studies Office from Student Affairs to Academic Affairs. Third, we are discussing the rationale for keeping some of the services previously offered by the Dean of St

I urge everyone to read the preamble to the vision statement, which is located on CEPP's homepage. We believe that it is essential for CEPP and the entire College community to be clear about our academic mission and the type of education we want to provide our students. The preamble to the academic vision statement is an excellent launching pad for this discussion. It reads, in part:

We seek to provide “An education that will inform and energize [our students'] lives regardless of the career path they choose to pursue. It is an education that instills flexibility and intellectual agility; hones lifelong learning skills that prepare one to engage the world in