Present: Adam Abramowitz, Sandy Baum, Sue Bender, John Brueggemann (chair), Pat Fehling, Pat Oles, Lary Opitz, Phil Ortiz, David Peterson

The meeting was brought to order at 1:30 pm in the MALS seminar room.

- 1. Minutes from meeting #11 were not available to be reviewed.
- 2. The following announcements were made:
  - ÿ We will discuss the Biosphere 2 proposal in one of the upcoming meetings. All committee members were encouraged to read the letters from the department chairs (Judy Halstead, Monica Raveret-Richter, and Richard Lindemann) regarding this proposal.
  - y In response to CEPP's recommendation for the scheduling of the Academic Festival for next semester, Michael Arnush will meet with John Brueggemann to discuss the issue.
  - ÿ The new links are up on the CEPP web page.
  - ÿ John Brueggemann posted a statement in the CEPP web site discussion about CEPP's interpretation of the Cultural Diversity category. As of now, there has been very little response to the statement.
  - y John Brueggemann will send out an email to the community regarding the revised plans for the core curriculum proposal. The official motion will be offered at a special faculty meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup>, with the faculty vote on the motion occurring at the December meeting (12/01).
- 3. Several points about the proposed core curriculum changes were discussed: In preparation for the meeting on Friday (11/03), the following points were discussed:
  - ÿ There are five areas of concerns about the current proposal (drawn from the website conversations, the discussion at Academic staff meeting, and personal discussions between CEPP members with members of the community);
  - 1. The history of the current proposal
  - 2. The issue of LS 2
  - 3. Stream lining
  - 4. The reduction of science in the curriculum
  - 5. The ICE component

The question is 'how to facilitate a conversation with the faculty on Friday that would be helpful to all'?

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