

Committee on Educational Policies and Planning (CEPP)

Motion

Faculty Meeting

March 30, 2007

Motion: CEPP moves that the faculty terminate the affiliation with the Cardozo School of Law's accelerated law program. This affiliation would officially end on May 31, 2007.

Rationale: The current program allows Skidmore students to "obtain a bachelor's degree from Skidmore and a law degree from Cardozo in six years rather than the average time of seven years for completion of both degrees" (College catalogue, p. 144). Skidmore undergraduates complete their first year of law school by enrolling in courses at Cardozo during the summers before and after their senior year. They then enroll full time as second year law students during the fall after graduating from Skidmore.

For a number of reasons, this program no longer fulfills the needs of Skidmore's student population (it has been more than ten years since any Skidmore student participated in the program):

- 1) students receive no preference in terms of admission to Cardozo Law School
- 2) students receive no tuition break by participating in the program
- 3) students are obligated to attend Cardozo Law School when, in fact, they may be better served by going elsewhere
- 4) the program is not unique to Skidmore. Cardozo maintains this arrangement with many other colleges and universities