

Committee on Educational Policies and Planning
Faculty Meeting
November 7, 2008

MOTION: CEPP moves that the faculty approve the articulation agreement with Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, which would permit eligible Skidmore students to obtain dual Bachelor degrees in liberal arts and engineering.

RATIONALE:

The proposed articulation agreement with Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute would provide qualified Skidmore students with an excellent educational opportunity.

Because of Rensselaer's proximity to Saratoga Springs, this proposed partnership would permit students to stay connected to Skidmore.

The proposed agreement is consistent with the Strategic Plan in terms of enhancing the natural sciences.

The Engineering Advisory Committee, which is coordinated by Bill Standish, has endorsed the proposed agreement.

Unlike the articulation agreements that Skidmore has with the Thayer School of Engineering at Dartmouth College and Clarkson University, this one has two residency options: 3 years at Skidmore, 2 years at Rensselaer (3-2) or 2 years at Skidmore, 1 year at Rensselaer, 1 year at Skidmore, and a final year at Rensselaer (2-1-1-1).

Many liberal arts colleges (such as Beloit, Colgate, Denison, Earlham, Gettysburg, Grinnell, Hamilton) have articulation agreements with several engineering schools.

In addition, many engineering schools (such as Rensselaer, Dartmouth, Columbia, Washington University, and the Georgia Institute of Technology) have articulation agreements with multiple liberal arts colleges.

Rensselaer already has articulation agreements with Amherst, Bates, Beloit, Colgate, Denison, Dickinson, Earlham, Franklin & Marshall, Gettysburg, Grinnell, Hamilton, Kenyon, Middlebury, among other liberal arts colleges.

For a complete listing, see http://admissions.rpi.edu/transfer/affiliate_schools.html