CEPP minutes 3.29.19

Members present: Marta Brunner, Feryaz Ocakli, Bina Gogineni, Riley Filister, Michael Orr, Pat Hilleren, Peter vonAllmen, Cerri Banks, Steve Ives.

The 3.22.2019 meeting minutes were approved.

Paragraph

There was discussion of some minor improvement being made to the new website and archiving.

Discussion moved to CEPP operating code which has been updated by Peter von Allmen. Essentially, CEPP will oversee an annual college-wide (not departmental level) academic assessment, and will play a role in choosing the assessment for the year in conjunction with the FDA. Members worked to refine and include language in the operating code to reflect this change to the operating code. The revised draft will be shared with the committee before final approval.

The meeting progressed to the topic of the academic calendar. CEPP had polled department chairs and program directors regarding moving the study day, and there was critical concern that this might not be possible for fall 2019. Therefore, CEPP will further deliberate the student study/break schedule as it pertains to future academic calendars and broadly consult faculty and students regarding possible changes to this day.

CEPP approved the 2020-21 Academic Calendar- noting that a change in the student study day may be amended.

It was proposed that we consider an academic calendar model that, in addition to changing the student study/break day, would also address the timing of non-secular holidays during the academic year. The intention is for the College to be more inclusive in recognition of significant world religious holidays and accommodate opportunity for personal observance. To that end, CEPP in conjunction with the office of spiritual life will develop a more inclusive list of religious holidays. In this model, students, faculty and staff will have the opportunity to observe a personal religious holiday with an expected responsibility of having conversations with faculty, supervisors to make alternative arrangements.

In the remaining time, the committee discussed the ongoing qSET review. The survey of faculty had been sent out and will be open until Monday 4/1. A report summarizing the internal analysis of the qSET data, conducted in collaboration with the Office of Institutional Research is being drafted. A draft of the report is being targeted for Monday 4/1, with inclusion of the survey data to be included at a later date. This work may very likely carry on to academic year 2019-2020.

Meeting adjourned 2:02pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Steve Ives