CEPP Minutes

4/13/2016

In attendance: Erica Bastress-Dukehart, Addison Bennett, April Bernard, Beau Breslin, Amy Frappier (scribe), Kelly Sheppard (chair), Emma Starr

Not in attendance: Gail Cummings-Danson, Soyong Lee

1. Last week’s excellent minutes were approved with minor corrections.

2. CEPP discussed responses from departments and programs to the “In the major” requirement prompts. Of respondents, most are doing all of these things already. Kelly will invite the remaining departments and programs to provide their responses to CEPP.

3. The committee discussed ways to improve clarity and bust common and persistent misconceptions about the emerging curricular reform proposal. Messaging is needed about:

* Data-driven, Goals for Student Learning & Development-driven, and Accreditation-driven changes to the current “1990s Curriculum”
* the efficiency gains for students, faculty, and departments from a more flexible curriculum
* improved clarity, intentionality, and choice for students and advising,
* raising the profile of the integrative learning that has always been part of our best teaching,
* the importance of both the student experience and faculty offerings,
* the need to create curricular spaces where students are expected to construct meaning and knowledge,
* emphasizing the general curriculum as *a* central core but not the entirety of liberal education at Skidmore.

CEPP will need to present the curriculum design in both verbal and graphical formats. CEPP will be able to claim backing from the DoF/VPAA’s office about resource availability for delivering some changes in requirements. CEPP will also need to be very clear about the overall timing of the curricular ramp-up preparation phase and rollout. Members of CEPP are working on wording and graphical organizers for most of these items for discussion at Friday’s retreat.

4. CEPP discussed the Senior Coda, including the publication of essays. Periodic Reflection is an essential element in all Coda courses.

5. We discussed items for the agenda at Friday’s retreat.

Meeting adjourned 11:57pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Frappier