

CEPP Meeting Minutes

02.11.2021

Zoom Conference 4:10-5 pm.

Attendees: Sophia Paulino Adames, Peter von Allmen, Andrew Bozio, Sean Heaney, Jina Mao, Feryaz Ocakli, Mahesh Shankar.

Scribe: Mahesh Shankar

The meeting came to order at 4:11 pm.

- 1) The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
- 1) Chair announced that CAS have asked for change in academic calendar beginning next year which would involve shortening the Incomplete grade submission period during the Winter break. CAS members will be invited to join next CEPP meeting.
- 2) Discuss CEPP's Spring 2021 plan for reforming the teaching evaluation process towards a more holistic model.
 - Discuss Dr. Ginger Clark's presentation, and what we could learn from it.
 - CEPP decided to look at College faculty handbook to see what role student ratings and feedback are envisaged to play in the College's work, and begin work on how to define and establish key concepts such as "teaching effectiveness" and "excellence" in teaching. Members decided to look at especially page 114 of the handbook for current College wording on how teaching is evaluated, and consider what changes might need to be made therein. CEPP also discussed what might be best practices for gathering student perceptions on teaching, and what lessons Skidmore can draw from the experience of a larger institutions such as USC. CEPP members also discussed the possibility of developing some common questions in departments/program long forms. On the question of peer evaluations, CEPP agreed that they need to become more important to the process of evaluating teaching effectiveness, but that assigning a numerical weight to them might be problematic/unwise. Finally CEPP agreed that the committee should continue to work to ensure that students have an important voice through the instruments of evaluation used, especially on matters of bias in the classroom.
 - Chair briefly introduced committee members to University of Michigan's CRTL website and asked members to peruse that for next week.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00.