

CEPP Meeting Minutes

02.18.2021

Zoom Conference 4:10-5 pm.

Attendees: Peter von Allmen, Michael Arnush (1/2 meeting), Andrew Bozio, Sean Heaney, Jina Mao, Feryaz Ocakli, Michael Orr, Mahesh Shankar, Leigh Wilton.

Scribe: Leigh Wilton

The meeting came to order at 4:12 pm.

- 1) Associate Dean of the Faculty Michael Arnush joins CEPP to discuss CAS proposal.

Michael Arnush spoke on behalf of Committee for Academic Standing (CAS), presenting a proposal to shorten the deadline for students to complete incomplete work by one week (for Fall semester only). This would enable students on academic probation to learn about their standing/discuss academic plans with CAS and other relevant parties sooner. The committee voted in support of the proposal.

- 2) Continue discussing CEPP's Spring 2021 plan for reforming the teaching evaluation process towards a more holistic model.

The Committee continued its discussion of reforming the teaching evaluation process at Skidmore. The Committee discussed ways to define and demonstrate effective teaching, and what other Committees/constituents to include in such discussions (e.g., ATC, PC, CAFR). The committee will continue to consider the following categories in further discussion.

Main Categories

1. Peer evaluation
 - a. Define its constituent parts
 - b. Each department articulates its own policies
 - c. Educate the faculty on good practices
 - d. Use them to evaluate teaching excellence
2. Student ratings and feedback
 - a. Student learning environment
 - b. Measures student learning perceptions and satisfaction
 - c. Reports bias and other classroom issues

Additional Categories

3. Pedagogy training or innovation
4. Reviewing other colleagues
5. Inclusive teaching practices

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00.