

CEPP Meeting Minutes

10.18.2021 @4-5pm

Zoom Conference

Attendees: Jina Mao, Mahesh Shankar, Madushi Raththagala, Kirsten Hogenson, Andrew Bozio, Emilka Jansen

Scribe: Mahesh Shankar

Meeting began at 4:01 pm.

1. Approve minutes
 - Approved with some edits.
2. Bridge Experience (BE) requirement being fulfilled outside of Skidmore (Eric)
 - Eric provided background to the possibility of students taking Bridge Experience while studying abroad. He laid out some of the concerns, including the dilution of the experience, which is so integral to the new curriculum. Made the case for why the proposal ought to be favorably considered given that we now have a better sense of what a BE course looks like, and that all such petitions will be approved at Skidmore. He summed the matter up as one of fairness, allowing our students the flexibility taking some of these courses abroad.
 - Committee members asked questions about possible scenarios where such transfers would be allowed and approved, how courses would be approved, the risks of setting a precedent for Senior Coda, how advisors should approach the option of taking BE requirement abroad with advisees, and the logistics of approval between department chairs and the BE director etc.
 - Committee members were, in general, positively inclined, but also had questions/concerns about the logistics of how this might be implemented. One committee members also articulated the concern that with BE being such an integral part of the new curriculum, whether it would be wiser to take the question to the faculty floor, rather than for CEPP to unilaterally decide on the matter.
 - BE Director will consider some of these questions and will potentially return to CEPP with further clarifications about processes.
3. Approve academic calendar for 2023-2024
 - Approved with minor edits.
4. Concerns about student ratings instruction
 - Expressed by some faculty about adding the paragraph about re: bias to the evaluation form, and some specific concerns with regard to it, including why the statement did not go

through the faculty floor. Committee members agreed that the statement has been drafted very deliberately, and that major edits are not needed.

Meeting concluded at 5:00 pm.