

CEPP Meeting Minutes

11.01.2021 @4-5pm

Zoom Conference

Attendees: Peter von Allmen, Andrew Bozio, Kirsten Hogenson, Emilka Jansen, Jina Mao, Michael Orr, Madushi Raththagala, Mahesh Shankar

Guest: Amy Tweedy

Scribe: Madushi Raththagala

The meeting began at 4:00 pm

Agenda items:

1. Approve minutes
 - a. Minutes were approved.
2. Conversation with Amy Tweedy (Institutional Effectiveness Specialist)
 - a. Amy provided an overview of institutional effectiveness and assessment, and her contribution to different divisions, departments, programs, and committees in developing various assessment plans and analyzing data. She also updated the committee on her role as accreditation liaison to the college. Amy also updated us on some of the current assessment efforts centering on student experiences that follow surveying alumni, NACCC survey, non-returning students, International student transition survey, national student satisfaction survey, etc. Peter informed the committee about a potential future assessment effort on understanding the experiences of students who face various challenges. The committee discussed how the results of various surveys can be communicated with the Skidmore community and the importance of doing so. The committee then discussed whether there are any institutional-wide assessment efforts on hiring and retaining BIPOC faculty and the importance of having such efforts.
3. Assessment report for QR
 - a. Peter provided an overview of the QR assessment report. He explained how college switched from a two-tier QR requirement to a three-tiered AQR under our new general curriculum. Peter updated the committee on the results of student performance on the quantitative reasoning placement diagnostic test and their subsequent successes in AQR and FQR courses. He also explained some of the main goals of the survey and its main findings.
 - b. While the majority of students who placed into an AQR course based on their QR placement diagnostic scores completed the AQR course successfully, Peter pointed out that this survey will be carried out again given the potential impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the results.

The meeting ended at 5:00 pm.