

Evaluation & Assessment Committee Minutes – January 17, 2020

Present: Marty Blackson, Madalyn Hughes, Martin Kennedy, Terry Wilson, Cynthia Zhang

Absent: Greg Lyman, Stephen Robison

Guests: None

Meeting was called to order at 1:07 p.m. Agenda was approved. Minutes of December 6, 2019 were approved as written.

Chair Updates

Martin received an email from Warren Plugge in ETSC expressing concerns about SEOI response rates.

EC Updates

a. EC feedback on SEOI policy

EC returned the draft SEOI policy language with some feedback. Concerns were expressed in regards to missing procedure-type language. Another concern was lack of clarity surrounding how and/or when classes are combined. Martin will contact Lidia about the combined classes to find out exactly what her process is. Possibly she can help with developing the procedure language addressing this.

Additional changes were discussed and will be sent to EC for review.

b. Report from Jan. 15 Faculty Senate meeting

A written report was included with the agenda at the January 15 Faculty Senate meeting.

Student Rep Updates

a. SEOI poll (on social media)

Madalyn is waiting for Jasmine to get back to her about the student poll. Jasmine put out the poll on Instagram at the beginning of winter quarter. Madalyn will contact her to follow up.

Open Access Journal Discussion

This issue was discussed during the first half of 2017-18 but no statement was ever developed. Marty put together some resources in 2017-18 to help with developing a statement but it may have gotten put aside as other issues arose. There are concerns that open access journals are viewed as lesser or not as academic, and so faculty who publish in them may be negatively impacted when it comes to evaluations.

The following statement was developed at today's meeting:

An open-access journal is not necessarily an open-access journal. Faculty should be encouraged to publish in peer-reviewed journals. Publication in open-access journals should not be considered unfavorably in evaluation of scholarship.

Discussion will continue next week.

Meeting adjourned at 2:55.

Next meeting:

January 24, 2020

1:00 p.m., Barge 410