

Evaluation & Assessment Committee

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. **Zoom**

November 12, 2021

Minutes

Present: Warren Plugge (chair), Maurice Blackson, Sara Toto, Francesco Somaini, Andrea Ecklund (FSEC liaison)

Guest: James Bisgard (professor of mathematics)

1. Meeting called to order at 1:02 p.m. Agenda approved.
2. October 15, 2021 minutes approved.
3. Committee procedures manual reviewed.
4. Reviewed Charge EAC21-22.01 – See appendix A
 - a. Share questions within group specific to:
 1. Determine what impacts the pandemic and change in course delivery has had on SEOIs. (Warren and Sara)
 2. Determine and execute strategies designed to hear from faculty who are also parents, or students who are parents, during COVID. How has the pandemic and change of course delivery affected SEOIs? (Marty and Francesco)

Warren and Sara drafted a survey. The EAC started to revise it and decided to look at it more thoroughly for the next meeting. Marty and Francesco will work on open-ended questions.

5. Discussed OER information with James Bisgard: James indicated he is concerned that faculty may not get category A credit in scholarship for creating OER materials and, for him, the credit that faculty can get in teaching is insufficient to get tenure and promotion. There seems to be a disconnect between what the university says (i.e., that it promotes OER) and what it does (i.e., it does not provide faculty with actual incentives to produce OER). James asked the EAC to work on delineating a process and suggestions to incentivize OER by making it possible for faculty to earn scholarship credit for producing OER. A conversation ensued on the kind of evidence needed to consider OER materials worthy of category B or A recognition in scholarship: Size of the materials (textbook: yes; class notes: no)? Dissemination outside of the university? Peer review by external reviewers? Is there a need for guidelines made available to departments on how to consider OER? Need administrators (Deans, Provost) be involved in conversations on this? The EAC concludes a representative of the United Faculty of Central should be invited to the next committee meeting to provide the union's perspective on the subject.

6. EC Updates (5 min)

None.

7. Meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

Future Items: Speak with Lidia (EAC21-22.02)

- a. SEOI software (cost to add questions, potential other software)
- b. Changing SEOI FAQ to indicate confidential rather than anonymous
- c. Frequency of requests related to SEOIs
- d. Committee would like to see what students see when taking SEOI