Policy and Assessment Subcommittee
(A subcommittee of the Council on Educational Policy)
Thursday, March 19, 2020
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., 338 Aldrich Hall
AGENDA

Action Item

Discuss/Resolve I. Lack of Senate oversight of 199 Independent Study courses.
CEP was asked by Cabinet to consider developing a policy that would require instructors of 199 Independent Study courses to submit a course plan or syllabus to be approved by the department chair before the start of the course. In fact, this policy already exists but it is not being enforced by most departments. Because SCOC/CEP do not have oversight of 199 independent study courses and a significant number of 199 courses across campus have variable units, unlimited repeatability, and a letter grade option, CEP agreed that the best way to tighten the oversight of these courses would be to discourage students from enrolling in so many of them. CEP learned that some students enroll in 199 independent studies courses to boost their GPA. Some suggestions for limiting student enrollment in these courses included changing the course grade policy to pass/no pass only and/or limiting the repeatability of the courses. Policy will continue this discussion and bring its findings or proposed next steps to CEP in April.

Information/Discussion II. Review of Teaching Associate Exception Request Policies
Policy will review the discuss Teaching Associate Exception Request checklist.