CEPC Response to Music Year 2 Report
September 25, 2012

In its meeting of 20 September 2012, the CEPC discussed the Year 2 Report submitted by the Music Discipline. The Committee commends the discipline for submitting a Year 2 Report, despite the fact that it was not required, given that Music had opted to submit a Program Review according to the old guidelines.

Music’s Year 2 Report has several strengths that the CEPC wishes to highlight:

1. The discipline has remained focused to its goals from their original Program Review from last fall.
2. Music was very involved in the DPI reaccreditation (something modestly understated in their report).
3. The specific ownership of action steps by assignment to specific members of the discipline makes for a more viable strategic plan.
4. The discipline’s goal of increased community outreach fits well with the mission of the College while also providing more opportunity for student recruitment.
5. The discipline’s close collaboration with the Registrar in the revision to credits awarded for private lessons is an important improvement to the program.

Among areas for improvement, the CEPC notes that, while many of the action steps in Music’s strategic plan list only “time” as a necessary resource, the plan does not clearly prioritize which goals and their steps will or ought to occur before others. In some instances, e.g., NASM accreditation and curriculum development, action steps across goals seem to be related. To that end, the CEPC recommends that the Music Discipline develop a priority list for their action steps, with a timeline for their completion. This need not be submitted to the CEPC, but rather used by Music as they proceed with their strategic plan. The next reporting requirement to the CEPC will be Music’s Program Review four years from now.