A. Major issues addressed by the committee during the 2014–15 year

The principle business of the committee is to advise departments, committees and programs concerning assessment issues and to review the results of assessment activities across the college.

1. During 2014–15, the committee reviewed a preliminary version of each course and curriculum proposal submitted to EPC for the purpose of advising the proposers concerning assessment issues. In each case, the committee provided feedback to the proposers to be incorporated in the final proposal. The committee noted that proposals are getting better (at least as far as assessment) and in almost all cases the concerns that the committee had with the proposals was relatively minor. Major proposals reviewed this year included the programs to be delivered at Hanlon prison and the graduate education program revision as well as several program revisions proposed by individual departments.

2. The committee also reviewed the assessment materials submitted by each department in its state of the department report. The committee provided feedback to each department concerning its assessment activities in the form of a memo. The committee noted an unevenness in the quality of assessment reporting and intends to give more guidance to departments in the future.

3. The committee spent a substantial amount of time assisting in preparation of the assessment section (Core Component 4B) of the assurance argument for Calvin's comprehensive evaluation by the Higher Learning Commission for reaffirmation of accreditation.

B. Actions brought before Faculty Senate

None

C. Other actions, not involving Faculty Senate, that the committee initiated or implemented

None

D. Issues that will continue to be before the committee next year

Beyond the usual business, the committee expects to consider two major issues: core curricular revision and the implementation of the educational framework. The committee is investigating ways in which it might be helpful in advancing these projects.