CEDI Leadership Board Meeting Minutes
April 17th, 2020

Present: Rhemi Abrams-Fuller, Chris Dallager, Carolyn Fure-Slocum, Éva Pósfay, Danny Mathews, Jen McMurray, Al Montero, Asuka Sango, Prathi Seneviratne, Steve Richardson, Laura Riehle-Merrill, Miiko Taylor, Trey Williams, Brisa Zubia, Elise Eslinger (Advisor), Lena Stein ’21 (Secretary)

I. Welcome, introductions of new student member, if present
   ● A new CSA Liaison will be appointed to the committee this term but they were not present at this time.

II. Acceptance of 2/26/20 Leadership Board Minutes
   ● The meeting minutes from February 26, 2020 were approved.

III. How should CEDI adjust to the current COVID-19 reality?
   ● The Leadership Board spent most of the meeting discussing CEDI’s role through this time period and questioned how best to support the Carleton community and be alert to issues of equity during online classes.
   ● The Leadership Board discussed a number of issues, including the New York Times article “College Made Them Feel Equal. The Virus Exposed How Unequal Their Lives Are”, Chris Dallager and Trey Williams’ work with ITS in preparation for online learning, as well as other questions of identity and how it has been affected by online schooling for students now living across the world.
   ● After deliberating over different ways to provide support and get feedback from students, the Leadership Board decided to design some questions that academic advisors can use to check in with advisees during seventh week Advising Days. These may include more open-ended questions (“Talk a bit about the specific challenges you’ve experienced with online learning”) and may touch on more specific facets of students’ experiences. Al Montero will draft some of these questions and share with the CEDI co-chairs and Elise Eslinger.

IV. Experiences of students still on campus, especially international students
   ● Brisa Zubia about the experiences of students still on campus of living in Northfield, many of whom are international students.
   ● OIIIL is currently working with students through some of the difficulties of handling visa documentation remotely, has been speaking with students navigating loss, and in particular has been helping a community of Chinese students think about their communications and advocacy, as they have been very active in advocating for their concerns on campus over the past few weeks.

V. Action Team Reports (if relevant)
   a. Financial Literacy
      ● Al Montero and Prathi Seneviratne spoke about their plans for the Financial Literacy action team, which will have their first meeting of the term on April 28. At this meeting, they plan to work through the data from the hash mark survey,
which went out to students through academic advisors during winter term, and put together a preliminary report to be shared at the CEDI meeting on May 1.

b. LIFG Experience
   - The LIFG Experience action team, led by Asuka Sango, Jay Tasson, and Jen McMurray, has decided to begin work in the fall term so as to have more time for this work.

VI. Periodic Reports from Liaisons/Representatives
   - None at this time

VII. CSA Liaison Report
   - None given at this time

VII. What has happened since we last met?
   - Nothing raised at this time

*The meeting was adjourned at 3:19 p.m. CT via Zoom*