

Community Engaged Learning Council Summative Report for 2017-18

This year, CEL focused on several initiatives including the following.

ACEL Approval Process

The council examined approval processes at comparable institutions and developed a process for TCNJ that includes a clear timeline for ACEL approval, a new approval form that requires faculty to consider the components of the course that link with their CEL experience, a clear connection to at least three CEL outcomes, preparation and reflection, and number of hours of engagement. We believe that this new process will help faculty to plan more mindfully for their courses and will elevate that status of ACEL designation.

Committee Work

Our committee work focused on the following areas: ACEL approval process, faculty development, assessment, CEL student experience, CEL curricular expansion. Each committee has met to discuss next steps regarding these topics, has investigated outcomes in house and at other institutions, and will continue development of plans in 2018-19.

Website Development

CEL is working to make the website more user-friendly, particularly in regards to the ACEL Approval process.

CEL Awards

CEL will give awards to FSP and ACEL classes for exemplary engagement in CEL.