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RE: Assessment Report - 2001/02

Because the Center shares faculty from a dozen different departments and because all the Center's courses are crosslisted with departments elsewhere, it is assumed that the curricular issues and instructor evaluations are dealt with externally, thereby avoiding a duplication of effort. Student evaluations are read and noted for all the tenure-track assistant professors to insure a proper evaluation of their classroom work.

In areas where the Center is the responsible for procedures and programs, the Center intervenes to assess them. For example, this year exit interviews were scheduled with all our certificate holders and major, and a social event was held in the spring to convey ideas about the mission and programs of the Center to prospective and continuing students, and to answer their questions and concerns. Eight faculty were in attendance.

2002-03 will be the second full year we will be able to offer a major, and the group to be assessed will be larger. Over the year, a faculty committee will likely look at the Center's curriculum as a whole and to evaluate its structure, requirements and appropriateness in the light of new faculty joining the Center in recent years, and new courses being developed for it.

