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RE: Professional Development Assignment Report

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Per your request, following is a report on my AY 14-15 Professional Development Assignment activities.

1. Research Conducted:

Principal Investigator. *Multi-disciplinary Commentaries on a Blueprint for Prosperity*. City of Memphis. 28 pp. \$25,000. 2015. At the request of the City of Memphis, I assembled 14 University of Memphis faculty members from 9 departments and 4 colleges to develop policy recommendations in 8 policy areas for local action. In addition to negotiating the grant and assembling the faculty members, I wrote the introduction, policy recommendation summaries, identified priorities for action, developed metrics for evaluation of each of the policy recommendations and edited the final report.

2. Manuscripts written:

Principal Investigator. *Multi-disciplinary Commentaries on a Blueprint for Prosperity*. City of Memphis. 28 pp. 2015.

Public Safety Partnerships that Advance Urban Development, Community of Practice. 2015. Concept proposal for Coalition of Urban Serving Universities. Principal author with S. Garmise and K. Stapeleton. 6 pp.

3. Grant Proposals (Received \$542,357 in funding)

Co-PI with Geoffrey Maruyama, Andy Furco, et. al. First in the World Program grant. U.S. Department of Education. Overall grant, \$2,800,000. UofM funding, \$295,000. 2014. The First in the World grant program received 400 applications. The purpose was to identify practices that encouraged college retention and completion. I participated in forming a coalition of 6 universities seeking to assess the effect of student community engagement on retention and completion. The universities include the University of Memphis, University of Minnesota,

University of Illinois-Chicago, University Georgia, City University New York, and University of California-Santa Cruz. The application was successful and we are funded for 4 years of research. 24 out of 400 applicants received funding.

Co-author with M. Hagge and C. Santo. *University of Memphis Regional Design Center*. Hyde Foundation grant to create University of Memphis Design Center. Funded for \$222,357. 2014-2015. I worked with Michael Hagge in the Department of Architecture and Charles Santo in the Department of City and Regional Planning to develop a proposal to establish a University based design center.

Co-author with Shari Garmise and Ken Stapleton. *Public Safety Partnerships that Advance Urban Development USU Concept Paper*. I was first author in creating a community of practice proposal for a cross metropolitan public safety practices study. The Urban Serving Universities Coalition is seeking funding for the project with the U.S. Department of Justice and the National Police Foundation.

Principal Investigator. *Multi-disciplinary Commentaries on a Blueprint for Prosperity*. City of Memphis. 28 pp. Funded for \$25,000. 2015.

4. Papers presented at conferences

5. Talks given to professional audiences

“Workplan for Fostering an Engaged University,” Presentation to University of Houston Executive Team, Deans and Faculty, March 2014.

“Community University Partnerships: The Basics,” Keynote speech for the University of North Carolina-Wilmington College of Health and Human Service’s Annual Partnership Forum, May, 2014.

“Partnerships for Sustainable Community Public Safety: The Memphis Police Joint Agency Model.” Urban Serving University/Association of Public and Land-grant Universities annual meeting. Orlando, FL. November, 2014.

“University of Memphis Anchor Institution Initiatives.” Democracy Collaborative Anchor Dashboard Cohort Meeting. Baltimore, MD. November, 2014.

6. Other Collaborative Activities

Developed and wrote new graduate course, PADM 6228 Grant Development/Management. Elements of grant writing process: skills to seek, solicit, and receive grant awards from foundation and government sources: administration of awards to meet goals of recipient and granting agencies. Course approved by University Graduate Council, Fall 2015.

Member, Department of Public and Nonprofit Administration Faculty Committee

Member, College of Arts and Science 2014-2015 AY Promotion and Tenure Committee

Member, University of Memphis Engaged Scholarship Committee

Vice President, Academy of Engaged Scholarship

Co-Chair, National Policy Committee on University-Community Partnerships, Anchor Institution Taskforce

Member, Commission on Innovation, Competitiveness, and Economic Prosperity, Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities

Recipient, Excellence in Engaged Scholarship Research Award, University of Memphis Alumni Association, 2015

Recipient, Joy Clay Service Award, School of Public Health, University of Memphis, 2015