

Engaged Scholarship Committee Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2014
11:30-12:45

Attendees: Nicole Thompson, Lauren Burrow, Alison Happel, Keri Brondo, Susan Neely-Barnes, Susan Elswick, Pat Travis, Moira Logan, Micah Trapp, Stan Hyland, Tracy Collins, Vicki Chandler, Leigh Hersey, Shelly Counsell, Brian Wright, Latrice Pichon, Marie Dennon, Kathryn Hicks, Dianna Ruggiero, BreAne Coburn, Kathryn Howell, Adel Abdelnaby, Catherine Simmons, Susan Nordsrom, Angie Powell, Jenna Thompson, Michael Hagge, Jennifer Barker, Bashir Morshed, Lecolion Washington, Amy Campbell, Casey Gilewski, Katherine Lambert-Pennington

Regrets: Elena Delavega, Teresa Richardson, Stephanie Ivey, Charlie Santo

- **Welcome & Introductions** - 30 Faculty attended & 3 Graduate Students in attendance, representing departments ranging from Instruction and Curriculum Leadership to Architecture to Civil Engineering to Law and the School of Nursing.
- **Presentation by Dr. Alison Hapel, “Strengthening Community Gardens Through Engaged Scholarship”**

Summary: 1st semester at UM was approached by GrowMemphis to partner with them on a Strengthening communities project. Research Designs based on GrowMemphis needs & questions.

- Data collection – several faculty and students from classes in Anthropology and CREPR.
- Focus Groups – Fall 2013, Spring 2014, & Fall 2014
- Informal Observations – Garden Leader Meetings & Focus Groups
- Neighborhood Survey – Brondo & Trapp with Ryan Williams – designed survey and door -to-door survey completion
- Outcomes
 - Recommendations – Curriculum Revisions (e.g. keep compost, acceptance of all skill levels; swap ratio of in-class and out of classroom learning; gardeners need more access to tools; want GM to provide communication to MLGW.
 - Creation of connections and a community of gardeners
 - Presentation to the Board of Directors
 - Data for future funding opportunities – GM has stories and data that can be part of proposals in the future
 - Scholarly – EcoJustice and Activism Conference (Happel); American Educational Studies Association (Happel); Society for Applied Anthropology Conference (Latta & Chris Peterson); submitting article to Green Theory & Praxis

- Reflections – first time she’s done research that she’s been invited to do – really liked that, esp. as a feminist researcher; this grant (SCI) is great for new faculty – a way for faculty to get tapped into Memphis as new city and encouraged faculty and student collaboration; Post-grant involvement with Grow Memphis.
- Suggestions – prioritize new faculty – one of them going to new faculty, will encourage them to network with non-profits and others in Memphis right away; institutionalize/formalize mentorship for grantees through this committee.

Questions – How difficult was the IRB process? – had examples from other faculty’s projects and worked closely with IRB office.

- **2013-14 Accomplishment Report (see report for full details)**
 - **Engaged Learning Fellowship** (affectionately called ELFs) – Late-Spring a committee of ES members drafted the RFP. Issued RFP in June, targeted School of Engineering, College of Education, and College of Communications and Fine Arts (divisions that have had less involvement in the ES Committee in recent years). Made 4 Award in August to:
 - Jenna Thompson and Jennifer Barker, Instructors in Architecture for redesign of ARCH 1111 – Fundamentals of Design Studio
 - Torre Kelley, Instructor, Instruction Curriculum Leadership (ICL) for redesign of ELED 3242 – Teaching and Learning in the Elementary School
 - Lauren Burrow, Assistant Professor, Instruction Curriculum Leadership for redesign of ECED 4500 – Emergent Literacy and Language Development
 - Adel Abdelnaby, Assistant Professor, Civil Engineering for redesign of CIVL 3131 – Steel Design
 - **Engaged Scholarship Research Grants (ESRG)**– The Strengthening Communities Grant Initiative is now formally under the funding umbrella of ESRGs. We will offer 3 SCI ESRGs and 1 non-SCI ESRG. Non-SCI ESRGs will focus on projects that are not eligible for SCI for whatever reason (e.g. international project, non-place based, etc.). RFP for ESRG is in the process of being developed. Will be issued sometime in mid-late October.
 - **Website updates** – The ES Committee hired Joey Weaver, an adjunct faculty member in Instructional Design and Technology to revamp the website. He has just completed phase 1 of revisions. There is still some content that needs to be developed. We need people on the ES Committee to review the website and send us feedback for Joey by mid-October.
 - **Next ES Invited Speaker** – Shannon Wilder, Director of Service Learning at the University of Georgia. October 20-21. Nicole Thompson is

coordinating her visit. She will do a workshop open to faculty (seating will be limited) and work one-on-one with ELF's. Details will follow.

- **2014-15 Agenda** – The agenda for 2014-15 is to create the structures and implement the programs outlined in the ES Strategic Investment Strategy adopted by the ES Committee in Spring 2014 and to begin tracking and assessing the programs' effectiveness at student retention, faculty scholarship, and community impact. We have created several new committees to assist with these goals.
 - Formation of New Committees – a list of Action Teams and Committees with descriptions of what they do was handed out, along with a sign up sheet (See attachment). Note, we have consolidated some Working Groups from last year and have created a few additional committees: Assessment and Tracking, ESRG, Engaged Scholarship Mentor Program, Community Partner Award, and Engaged Learning Fellowship.

- **Announcements & Information Sharing**
 - Next Engaged Scholarship Committee Meeting will be the first week of November. Date and time to be determined by Doodle Poll.
 - Engaged Learning Workshop by Shannon Wilder will likely be Oct 20-21st. Seating will be limited. More information to come.
 - Strengthening Communities Initiative Grants – RFP is available. Upcoming Interest Meetings are October 9th 5:30-7pm at the Community Foundation of Greater Memphis (1900 Union Ave) and November 13, 3:00-4:30 University Center Rm 340. Contact Brent Duke for more information (bjduke@memphis.edu).
 - Engaged Scholarship Conference Travel Call for Applications should occur sometime soon for Spring 2015 travel. Contact Charlie Santo for more information (casanto@memphis.edu).
 - SUAPP/CROW/Engaged Scholarship/Hooks Institute Fall Forum on Promoting Place-Based Academic-Community Engagement will be November 10th. Invitation List is currently being developed. Contact Cathy Simmons for more information (csmmons7@memphis.edu).
 - Grassroots Community Environmental Conference, November 1st. 8:30-2:30 University of Memphis. Contact Laura VanBooven for more information (lmvnbven@memphis.edu).
 - Counseling, Educational Psychology and Research will host SEPES Conference (Southeast Philosophy of Education Society) at UM the first weekend of February. It's Very small conference that is great for graduate students. For more information contact: Susan Nordstrom (snrdstr@memphis.edu) or Alison Happel (aahappel@memphis.edu).