

Engaged Scholarship Committee Progress Report – July 2013

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During the 2012-13 academic year, the ES Committee drew on the survey data and “Plan for the Future” brief (October, 30 2012) to identify our committee’s priorities and commitment to institutionalizing Engaged Scholarship. We prioritized the following four areas and established Action Teams to take the lead on each area. Below is a summary of our progress to date and future activities.

- **Promoting Engaged Scholarship on campus**
 - Engage in a campus-wide educational campaign, including making presentations at President’s Retreat & College Level Faculty Meetings and meet with department Chairs &/or make presentations about ES at departmental faculty meetings (to begin Fall 2013).
 - Bring Hiram Fitzgerald (U of Michigan), John Saltmarsh (New England Resource Center for Higher Education), or others to campus to share models and best practices of campus-wide coordination vehicles for engaged scholarship (Fall 2013/Spring 2014).

- **Creating Opportunities for Networking & Improve Campus-wide communication about ES**
 - Increase UM’s presence and participation in National Organizations that promote Engaged Scholarship – Joined New England Resource Center for Higher Education (NERCHE) in Spring 2013.
 - Increase accessibility and usefulness of information about ES at the University of Memphis – develop an explanatory ES “brief” for faculty and community partners and update ES website (Fall 2013).
 - Build multi/inter-disciplinary networks of engaged scholars working on related issues and questions - began strategizing a way for ES to build on existing networks, e.g. CROW, SCI, and Ben Hooks Institute, etc. in Spring 2013 (on-going in Fall 2013).

- **Celebrating Engaged Scholarship**
 - Create an Award recognizing Community Partners to be presented at Annual campus wide awards ceremony - Initial eligibility criteria and nomination guidelines were developed in Spring 2013 (first award made Spring 2014).

- **Identifying ways to support faculty doing or interested in doing ES**
 - Create an Engaged Scholarship Conference Travel Award for faculty – Initial eligibility criteria and application was developed in Spring 2013 (First round of applications will be reviewed in Fall 2013).
 - Compile information on departments at UM with T & P guidelines that explicitly include engaged scholarship – compiled Spring 2013, will be posted ES website (Fall 2013).
 - Compile information on professional organizations that have created guidelines for assessing engaged scholarship for T & P and promotion – will be compiled and posted on ES website (Fall 2013).

- **Advocating for enhancement of institutional support systems for Engaged Scholarship, including centralization, tracking, and faculty support.**
 - Met with Interim Provost, Tom Nenon, to review findings from survey, and discuss and seek support for future of ES at UM (as outlined in document above) in Fall 2012.
 - Invited Provost David Rudd to Engaged Scholarship Committee meeting in April 2013.
 - Meet with key Administrators to seek support for future of ES at UM (as outlined here and in Oct 2012 ES planning document) (Summer/Fall 2013).