

Engaged Scholarship Committee
April 4, 2013

In attendance: Kathryn Hicks, Lynda Sagrestano, Angie Powell, Charlie Santo, Michael Hagge, Linda Bennett, Donalyn Heise, Andy Meyers, Brandon Goldsmith, Courtney Leon, Sharon Wrobel, David Rudd, Jeff Wilson, Dixie Crase, Susan Neely-Barnes, Leslie Luebbbers, Gregory Washington, Nicole Thompson, Lauren Burrow, Ruthbeth Finerman, Chloe Lancaster, Nicole Thompson, David Cox, Keri Brondo, Katherine Lambert-Pennington, Kristen Schebler (GA)

Welcome & Introductions

Attendees introduced themselves and welcomed Provost David Rudd.

Follow Up from Last Meeting - "old business"

- In the previous meeting the committee voted to join NERCHE. An institutional membership includes five individual memberships and the committee must now decide who should fill those positions. Katherine Lambert-Pennington suggested that these memberships be distributed widely throughout the university and that one be reserved for the current Chair of the committee. David Cox will be one of the individual members and KLP is already a member, so there are 4 remaining slots.

**** Please contact KLP if you are interested in having one of the 4 memberships.**

- Also in the previous meeting the committee discussed creating a travel fund instead of continuing to membership with the Campus Compact. Katherine Lambert-Pennington met with Sharon Harber with the CAS Travel Enrichment fund in order to find out more about setting up a similar fund. There was a call for committee members to help develop an application process and Charlie Santo offered to take point and Nicole Thompson volunteered to be part of that committee. Eventually, there will be a need for a review committee to evaluate applications.
- The ES Conference Travel Committee (Santo, LP, and Thompson) will meet in the next couple of weeks to draft eligibility guidelines, application, and deadlines for submission.

**** 3-4 Volunteers are needed to serve on the review committee - Keri Brondo has volunteered.**

Engaged Scholarship Presentation

Katherine Lambert-Pennington, Linda Bennett, Michael Hagge, Stan Hyland, Charlie Santo, and Keri Brondo presented on the history and purpose of the Engaged Scholarship Faculty Committee.

- Linda Bennett outlined the history of the committee from its informal beginnings in 2002 to the present.
- Michael Hagge and Stan Hyland discussed examples of Engaged Scholarship in the Architecture department and through the Strengthening Communities grants respectively.
- Charlie Santo explained how engaged scholarship brings external awards to the University of Memphis and how these awards help build a reputation for the university.
- Keri Brondo presented results from the engaged scholarship survey completed last year. Recommendations from this survey include increasing awareness of Engaged Scholarship throughout the university as well as providing more support to faculty who wish to participate in engaged scholarship.
- Katherine Lambert-Pennington discussed the committee's plans for faculty development, action teams, and the need for institutional support from the Provost in order to meet these goals.

Action Team Progress Reports

The Four action teams formed in the last meeting, each reported on their progress.

- Campus Outreach (Team: Ruthbeth Finerman, Linda Bennett, and Nicole Thompson) – Ruthbeth Finerman mentioned that the Campus Outreach Team would be meeting directly after the ESFC and provided the agenda for that meeting. The plan is to set meetings to raise awareness regarding engaged scholarship and to visit several of the departments across the university in the fall of 2013.

**** Notes from the Campus Outreach meeting are included at the end of this document. Lauren Burrow & Donalyn Heise have volunteered to be on this team.**

- Communications (Team: Robert Connolly, Allison Happel & Kristen Schebler) – Kristen Schebler, on behalf of the team of Robert Connolly and Alison Happel, reported on the state of the Engaged Scholarship website. The site is in need of updates and some redesign.

**** This Action Team would like some additional members – any one interested in participating in this subcommittee should contact Robert Connolly (rcnnolly@memphis.edu).**

- Community Partner (Team: David Cox, Leigh Hersey, and Chloe Landcaster) – David Cox presented a draft for the University of Memphis Community Learning/Research/Outreach Partnership Award. The committee should also consider creating awards for both individuals and agencies.

- Networking (Team: Kathryn Hicks, Michael Duke) – Kathryn Hicks asked for more committee members to join this subcommittee. She also explained that some departments have deep networks for engaged scholarship while others do not. There is a real need to bring more representatives from across campus into the committee as well as coordinating with organizations like CROW and the Strengthening Communities grants. It would also be good to have a message board for research in order to network publications.

**** Since the meeting, Lynda Sagrestano & Angline Powell have volunteered to be part of this Action Team.**

Provost Q & A

The provost offered his complements to the committee and explained that the university is working on a new academic plan. He emphasized:

- Engaged Scholarship should be embedded within this plan because it is part of the unique identity of the University of Memphis.
- He suggested the ESFC needs to engage the faculty senate and find ways to represent engaged scholarship in tenure and promotion guidelines.
- He also urged the committee to set down specific goals and benchmarks for the future of engaged scholarship at the university. He asked the committee what they would like to see happen over the next 3 to 5 years and how this progress will be gauged. Will success be tied to community impact? How will this progress in Engaged Scholarship mesh with the tenure and promotion guidelines? The mission of the university?
- The provost ended by saying that the committee needs to develop specific goals and markers of success before a resource discussion is possible.

Ruthbeth Finerman asked if departments would have any leeway in including engaged scholarship as an exclusive part of their rubrics. The provost answered that yes, this would be the case. Ruthbeth Finerman then suggested that departments have explicit inclusion of engaged scholarship in their faculty evaluations.

Stan Hyland asked if the University of Memphis would continue with the urban service university model. The provost answered that this would absolutely continue as it represents a very important collaboration and it is very important for the university to be involved with the city of Memphis.

Announcements

The committee would like to recognize Lynda Sagrestano for receiving the Alumni Association Award for Excellence in Engaged Scholarship.

There is new funding available for serve and learn projects through the College of Arts and Sciences.

Next Steps

KLP & David Cox will follow-up with Provost

Initial ES website updates are forthcoming

Please review Action Team draft documents – ES Partnership Award, Outreach, and Conference Travel Fellowship – and send feedback to team.

Action Teams, with the end of the semester approaching, please send me any additional updates and your next steps for fall.

Next Meeting will be in early September – KLP will be in touch in late summer to determine day & time.

