

Minutes for Engaged Scholarship Committee Meeting

February 8, 2013

In attendance: Kathryn Hicks, Lynda Sagrestano, Angie Powell, Charlie Santo, Ruthbeth Finerman, Michael Duke, Allison Happel, Chloe Lancaster, David Cox, Keri Brondo, Joy Clay, Leigh Hersey, Katherine Lambert-Pennington, Esra Ozdenerol, Kristen Schebler (GA)

Regrets: Sarah Potter, Vicki Chandler, Gayle Shiba, David Arant, Robert Connolly, Stan Hyland, Linda Bennett

I. Introductions

Attendees introduced themselves. KLP introduced Kristen Schebler. She is a grad student in Anthropology. She will be providing GA support for the Engaged Scholarship Committee. Many thanks to Anthropology for loaning some of her time to ESC.

II. ES Organizational Membership Possibilities

A number of organizations were suggested prior to the meeting (see handout: Engaged Scholarship focused organizations);

DISCUSSION:

David Cox opened discussion about the benefit of belonging to the TN Campus Compact—the University currently spends \$5000/year to belong to this organization. The question for the Engaged Scholarship Committee was whether or not to continue this association and the following points were raised:

- There is dwindling participation at the Compact's conferences and little interest in future participation—with limited travel funds available, these conferences have not proven useful enough to attend in lieu of other opportunities;
- Among other schools in TN, University of Memphis seems to be considerably ahead of the rest of the Compact's associates in terms of engaged scholarship and so does not gain access to new opportunities through the Compact;
- There was a brief discussion of the leadership role of the University of Memphis within the Compact. Is this role valuable to University of

Memphis? Do other schools associated with the Compact view the University of Memphis as a leader?

- If the University drops its membership with the Compact, will that \$5000 stay with the Engaged Scholarship Committee?
- Is any other department or organization at the University of Memphis which is not represented on the Engaged Scholarship Committee benefiting from the Compact?
- Ezra Ozdenerol suggested the committee also look into Tennessee State Social Studies and the Tennessee Geographic Alliance.

ACTION: At the end of the TNCC discussion, Charlie Santo moved that, instead of continuing to spend \$5000/year on this membership, this money should be re-authorized to support faculty travel to conferences for engaged scholarship for the purpose of raising the University of Memphis' profile at the national level.

Keri Brondo seconded this motion and the committee approved the motion.

David Cox agreed to present this proposal to the President's office.

ACTION: Joy Clay also requested that UM seeks an institutional membership with the New England Resource Center for Higher Education (NERCHE). This was also approved by the group and David Cox agreed to pursue this.

III. Creation of 4 Action Teams – These teams were created to coordinate activities related to institutionalizing campus wide; their foci emerged from committee discussions in September and December 2012.

KLP noted that ideally, Action Teams would have 3-4 members and these teams will be calling on ES committee participants to assist in carrying out activities. Kristen Schebler will assist each of the Action Teams.

A. 2013 ES on Campus Outreach Campaign –

Team Members: Ruthbeth Finerman, Linda Bennett

- Establish a plan and timeline for systematically meeting with departments across campus
- Develop a presentation for meetings with departments that ES committee members can use to talk about ES on campus (will be based in part on ES Survey Report)

B. Communications

Team Members - Keri Brondo, Allison Happel

- Help develop content to update website
- Help develop content to create Brochure on ES that can be used with potential/current community partners and with new faculty

C. Community Partner Award –

Team Members: Chloe Lancaster, David Cox, Stan Hyland

- Create nomination and review guidelines
- Suggest potential reviewers
- Suggest strategies for announcing the award and getting nominations

D. Networking—

Team Members: Kathryn Hicks, Michael Duke

- Identify strategies for facilitating information exchange between departments/organizations in order to identify potential areas for collaboration
- Develop next steps to putting Strategies into action

DISCUSSION:

- David Cox reminded the Committee that the new provost will soon be coming to the University and that the outreach action team should contact him and put together a short presentation about engaged scholarship to get his official support for meeting with departments campus wide. This presentation could also be used for meetings with department chairs.
- Keri Brondo mentioned a survey about engaged scholarship throughout the university that has been completed. Information from this survey should be sent out and could be used in the presentation for the provost/department chairs.
- Charlie Santo expressed concern about the value of a networking action team, citing the existence of such teams in the past, which have been of limited use. Katherine Lambert-Pennington answered this concern, noting that the Committee would like to have a person dedicated to finding grants for the collaborative engaged scholarship projects, which the networking action team might facilitate. This possible position should be brought up to the meeting with the Provost suggested by David Cox.

ACTION: It was decided that each action team should meet before the next full Committee meeting, which will be held in early April. Action Teams will report back to ES Committee at April Meeting

IV. Discussion, Questions, etc.

Next Meeting will be in early April. Date and Time will be determined by Doodle Poll.