

## **Engaged Scholarship Committee Meeting Minutes**

**September 24, 2013 – 1-2 p.m.**

### **In Attendance:**

- Katherine Lambert-Pennington, Anthropology
- Lynda Sagrestano, CROW & Psychology
- Kelly Penwell, Experiential Learning
- Susan Neely-Barnes, Social Work
- Chloe Lancaster, CPRE
- Leigh Hersey, PADM
- Stan Hyland, SUAPP
- Linda Bennett, CAS and Anthropology
- Brandon Goldsmith, Communications
- Charlie Santo, SUAPP, City and Regional Planning
- Michael Hagge, Architecture
- Cynthia Sadler, African & African-American Studies
- Joy Clay, CAS
- David Cox, President's Office
- Nicole Thompson, Education
- Michael Duke, Anthropology
- Leah Dockins, SUAPP
- Keri Brondo, Anthropology

**Regrets:** Robert Connolly, Bob Neimeyer, Cedar Nordby, Katie Howell, Allison, Happel, Ruthbeth Finerman, Angie Powell, Donalyn Heise, and Byrna Bobick

### **Welcome & Introductions**

### **Announcements:**

- Dr. Sagrestano will serve as co-chair of the ESFC
- The ESFC will share a GA with the Dean, 10 hours per week. This GA will work from Scates.

### **○ Action Team Updates**

- Campus-wide Outreach (Ruthbeth Finerman, Linda Bennett, Nicole Thompson, Lauren Burrow, Donalyn Heise)
  - Met in the Spring to develop plan for meeting with various departments to present information on the ESFC. This team hopes to help departments identify partnerships and existing work that qualifies as Engaged Scholarship.
  - Have also developed a list of resources for dept. outreach.

- Could use help with networking. Ask that people sign up if they can help network with particular departments.
  - Working in outreach pairs of junior-senior faculty.
  - Scheduling: Nicole's GA will work on scheduling. Initial contact should come from Dr. Finerman and Nicole.
  - Standard talking points and handouts will be developed from the documents that Nicole's GA and Dr. Finerman have developed. → Dr. Cox will help frame these materials within the context of a national movement and urban-engaged universities.
  - The committee will put together talking points and send those around to the group for review.
- Networking (Kathryn Hicks, Michael Duke, Lynda Sagrestano, Angline Powell)
    - Have met a couple times since August. Last week they talked about the importance of networking and having a presence on campus.
    - One ES meeting in which faculty go beyond introductions and discuss their ES research projects. (on-campus)
    - Informal, off-campus networking / social event.
    - Have these events set up prior to departmental outreach so that we could invite potential new partnerships.
    - Develop and maintain a listserv to facilitate communication among ESFC members.
    - Develop and maintain web content on grant opportunities.
- Community Partner Award (David Cox, Leigh Hersey, and Chloe Lancaster)
    - Recognizes the collaborators on the community level.
    - 2 awards: individual and organization
    - Hope to have the first cycle of the award this year. Sat. March 15 application deadline. Fits with timeline for SCI grants.
    - Application strength will be impacted by number of applications submitted on behalf of individuals.
    - Want a number of applications this year to build credibility.
    - Award committee will be comprised of sub-committee members for next 2-3 years.

- Asks for input on the application form.
  - Dr. Hersey's GA is currently assisting with this project, but may need additional assistance from ESFC GA.
  - Timeframe for partnerships: broader timeframe for the first year of applications, but the parameters for this may need to be more narrowly defined in future years.
  - May need to include Dr. Bingham and other administration in this conversation, but also be clear in regards to scholarships vs. service-based partnerships.
  - Should invite Justin Lawhead (?) to these meetings.
  - Want to keep this a Mid-South award instead of just Memphis to recognize tri-state partnerships.
- ES Faculty Conference Travel Award (Charlie Santo, Nicole Thompson)
    - Funds would help faculty attend conferences that are specific to ES outside of one's discipline. Another goal of these funds is to increase UofM's visibility within the field of ES.
    - Presented a draft set of guidelines for eligibility and applying for these funds and would now like to move to the review and award process for these funds.
    - SUAPP Administrative Assistant and GA will serve as staff support for the award process.
    - Review board: Dr. Hagge, Dr. Brondo, Dr. Thompson, Dr. Santo.
    - First round of applications are due Nov 15, 2013.
  - Communications (Allison Happel) – Looking for additional members.
    - Dr. Connolly will continue to work on the website until there is a more sustainable solution.
    - Front page items should be updated.
    - Need to connect with Networking team; they have generated some ideas for content.
- **Discussion**
    - Impact of RCM on faculty doing ES & interdisciplinary work
      - UM administration is in developmental stages of such measures so it's important to present ES during these stages.

- Issue: Many ES projects involve multiple PI's who are in different departments but all of the credit is given to the department of the first PI, which discourages interdepartmental partnerships.
- Issue: If effort certification is a metric for work completed on grant-funded projects, this disadvantages ES projects with smaller budgets that cannot cover salary.
- ESFC needs to develop standardized talking points on these issues that can be presented to the administration.
- Potential Solution: Look at other universities and their models for dealing with these issues. (GA) (Dr. Cox can suggest other schools.)
- Potential Solution: When CAS faculty submit their 5-year accountings of their work, (non-CAS faculty can just pull from their faculty productivity reports) highlight the ES pieces and then send to the ESFC-GA so that information can be compiled and presented to the administration.
- Potential Solution: Come up with targeted questions for administration during upcoming presidential/provost town hall meetings (Oct. 3 and 4)
- Issue: Large class sizes may impact capacity for service learning.

▪ **ES Speakers/Workshop Ideas**

- Based on discussions with ES Committee, Dr. Lambert-Pennington has put together a list of potential speakers/experts for ES – Bob Bringle, Jorda Karubian, and Patti Clayton. This list will be distributed with meeting minutes.
- The ESC should prioritize who will be brought to the UM.
- Due to budgetary concerns from Andy Meyers, STEM will likely be a major selling point in financing these speakers.
- There is a possibility for these events to be open to the public and have the potential to generate funds.

○ **Announcements**

- The next meeting date and time will be set up via a Doodle poll.
- Strengthening Communities (Leigh Hersey/Stam Hyland)

- Next year's grant cycle is about to begin. Interest meetings are next month. RSVP for interest meeting will [www.memphis.edu/scgrants](http://www.memphis.edu/scgrants)
- SCI will focus on priority issues this year, which includes education reform (cradle to career), STEM, as well as green/sustainability/environmental projects.