COMMITTEE: Service Learning Committee

MEETING DATE: 9/10/2013

PERSON PRESIDING: Paynter

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Weitz, Kavanagh, Gallien
EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Fazzone, McCunney, Dumlao

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Morehead, Smith

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ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item: Elect Committee Officers

Discussion: Kylie Dotson-Blake was elected unopposed as chair of the committee, due to her prior knowledge of the actions of the group. She was not in attendance since she was at the Faculty Senate committee meeting.

Action Taken:
The following faculty members were elected as officers of the Service Learning committee:
Chair: Kylie Dotson-Blake
Vice-Chair: Sharon Paynter
Secretary: Katy Kavanagh

Assigned additional duties to:
N/A

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Agenda Item: Committee’s Charge and determining goals for the committee

Discussion:

Morehead addressed the group and reminded them of the charge. McCunney asked about the conference for the year, which Whitehead said that we had some leeway with this event. Morehead excused himself to return to the Faculty Senate committee meeting.

There was some interest expressed in having online meetings or meeting on the Health Sciences campus.

Dennis McCunney read last year’s goals and Kavanagh noted some were not finished. These could be reprised for this year’s goals.

Dumlao brought up the recent Scholarship of Engagement events for faculty. Service learning is a part of community engagement. This is critical to the mission of the university, and we need to explain how to do it well. How does it contribute to faculty work?
Across the state, there is more demand for service learning in the Humanities. McCunney asked, should we keep an eye on this? Sasnett recommended looking at the professors who apply to the retreat and looking for possible departments that are less represented.

A discussion ensued of how to frame Service Learning to interest more people on campus. Dumlao recalled that there are civic, personal growth, and academic knowledge pieces that could be reached with a course. The academic realm has been highly featured at ECU, but the civic and personal growth of students has not been holistically addressed. Gallien mentioned barriers on campus to service learning, including within departments. Others expressed that EOSA has a better perception on campus. We need a PR campaign, but this is a lofty goal for one year.

Conducting a climate survey was recommended as a goal. This could be a beginning of a PR Campaign. Fazzone asked the group, what does it mean “to serve?” This concept might be bigger than this committee, but it is important to clarify to the whole campus. We can tie it to the mission statement. When you think about service learning, what role do you feel humanity plays?

A few goals were suggested, but not accepted by the group, including:

- Align our purpose with the new university mission statement and strategic planning goals.
- Explore incentives for faculty recognition.
- Link opportunities for service learning to the mission of the university.
- Investigate the opportunities for a campus-wide service learning climate survey.

We decided to table the discussion of goals and continue the conversation online, with a possible meeting suggested.

**Action Taken:** N/A

**Assigned additional duties to:**

- Tania Mitchell article: McCunney will send this to interested committee members.
- Kavanagh will send a Word document for the committee members to hash out goals.

**Agenda Item:** Volunteers for Subcommittees

**Discussion:**
Sasnett, Paynter agreed to serve on the Designation Subcommittee
Gallien under Assessment subcommittee
Dumlao will be on the Professional Development subcommittee
All other assignations are the same.

**Action Taken:** Subcommittee membership has been decided.

**Agenda Item:** Meeting times

**Discussion:** The committee has a standard meeting day of the 2nd Tuesday of each month. The future meeting dates of the committee are set except for October (open due to fall break) and March (spring break).

**Action Taken:** It was unanimously decided that we would meet at 3:30 on the second Tuesday of every month and selected the next meeting date as November 12.
Assigned additional duties to:
N/A

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**Agenda Item: General Discussion**

**Action Taken:** N/A

**Assigned additional duties to:**
N/A

**NEXT MEETING:** November 12, at 3:30 p.m. (location to be determined)

**ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:**