

Outreach and Engagement Council

Minutes: Wednesday, June 25, 2014

2:30-4:00 P.M.
Reid 415

Kim Obbink	Diane Dorgan	Jeanne Wilkinson	Suzi Taylor
Kregg Aytes	Becky Mahurin	Phyllis Dennee	Betsy Webb

- I. Call to order
- II. Approval of Minutes of April 23rd meeting (attached)
 - a. Becky motioned to approve, Phyllis seconded – minutes were approved.
- III. Information Items
 - a. Update on Membership
 - Dean's Council
 1. Kregg Aytes will continue as the Dean's Council Representative.
 - Faculty
 1. Christa Merzdorf will start in August
 - Student Success
 1. More information next month.
 - Extension
 1. Cody Stone will start next meeting.
- IV. Old Business
 - a. O&E Budget – FY15
 - There is \$13,200 out of the \$35,000 remaining.
 - Out of this money will come \$5K for Engaged Scholarship consortium.
 - It was discussed that we would help pay for one member of SCOPE to travel to Engagement Conference.
- V. New Business
 - a. Brainstorm mini-grant concept and proposal
 - Suzi explained how Mt Girls Stem Collaborative does mini-grants
 1. Positives
 - a. Not just passing out money, brings group into larger organization.
 - b. Allows MGSC to assist them
 - c. Gives opportunity to share best practices with them.
 - d. Gives ability to steer them towards engagement rather than outreach & service.
 - e. Not meant to be a "end all". Allows them to make bigger, better more inclusive projects.
 - Brainstormed – some ideas included:
 1. Model like VCU – great success rate with keeping projects going.
 2. Need continuity in giving.
 3. Not sure who money will be given too
 - a. Open to students or faculty but require a community member involved?
 - b. Open just to faculty – but needs student involvement?

- c. Open to just students but need faculty advisor?
- 4. Need to give narrative that explains what we are looking for.
- 5. Council would administer but invite others in to evaluate.
 - a. Don't make it too big.
 - b. Limit cycles to annual award.
 - c. Create a "Engagement Day" for winners and possibly applicants.
 - d. \$2500/project – ask for either 10K (4 awards) or 15K (6 awards).
 - i. Initially no salary paid
 - ii. No travel to conferences.
 - iii. Possibly ask for in kind.

VI. Next Meeting

- a. Skip July – Sarah will send out information for Fall meetings.