

MCSLHE Conference Call Meeting
11-15-04

Attendance: Renee Mathews (Peru State), Janelle Schutte-Andreini (Nebraska Wesleyan), Jeremy Rehwaldt-Alexander (Midland), Gerry Stirtz (UNK), Jean Karlen (Wayne State), Deena Kennel (Chadron State), Rob Stack (Chadron State) Jacquie Lonning (USD), Dawn Jaycox (USD), Sarah Wittmuss (USD), Penny Boykins (Creighton), Jennifer-Reed Bouley (College of St. Mary), Nora Bacon (UNO), Henry Bulley (Grad Assistant), Cynthia Gooch (Metropolitan Community College) and Gary Heusel (Director).

Status of RFPs and Deadlines for Sub-Grants

Research

- Agreed to begin reviewing proposals immediately with continued review until February 1 or until the funds are exhausted.
- Should be able to fund 6 grants of \$2,000 each utilizing \$6,000 from money unused during grant year 1 and \$6,000 from grant year two.

Alternative Break

- November 15th and January 21st are the deadlines.
- Three grants will be set aside for the November 15th deadline. Any funds left over will roll over into the second funding cycle on January 21st
- An institution can apply in both rounds, but cannot be awarded more than \$2000

Faculty

- Deadline of February 10 and notification on March 10.

Institutional

- Rolling deadline for Yr 2 RFP with the review of proposals to begin December 1
- Overlap of implementation/award period is permissible for all institutions
- \$200,000 available for grants to the 16 current members of the consortium (however grants from 20 institutions was anticipated in Strategic plan
- Yr 3 RFP deadline for spending funds is November 1, 2006.
- Mentoring programs by most institutions are encouraged with grants in excess of \$15,000 going only to those institutions mentoring another institution

Proposals will be reviewed by a panel of three service-learning professionals from other states.

Colloquium/Conference 2005:

- September 22-24 at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion
- Gary agreed to check on the possibility of utilizing grant funds for a special speaker and to ask David Eisner, CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service, to be a speaker.

Progress Reports

- Progress reports on institutional grants are due December 15 or when you apply for a new institutional grant if that is prior to December 15
- Gary agreed to provide guidelines for the progress reports by November 19
- FURCO for year two is due December 15, 2004

Furco Components as Performance Measures: Five components, one from each of the five dimensions of the Furco Self-Assessment Rubric will be utilized to measure the success of the Midwest Consortium for Service-Learning in Higher Education.

- Definition of Service Learning from Dimension One.
- Faculty Involvement and Support from Dimension Two.
- Student Opportunities from Dimension Three.
- Community Partner Voice and Leadership from Dimension Four
- Staffing from Dimension Five

Performance Measures will continue to be developed with assistance from Project STAR, a contractor with the Corporation for National and Community Service. The consultant engaged to assist during year one is still assisting also.

Meeting Dates

The Steering Committee will meet December 8 at 10 a.m. at a location to be determined. Anyone, steering committee member or not, is welcome to attend in person or via telephone conference.

Consortium Meeting, February 17 at 10 a.m. in Lincoln. That day we will have the opportunity to interact with a team from the Duke University Center for Scholarship with a civic mission.

Dates of Interest in the world of service-learning

4th National Conference on Service in Indian Country -- December 14-16 in Sparks, NV

National Service Learning Conference in Long Beach, CA - March 17-19

International Conference for Service Learning in Rapid City, SD - October 16-22

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Heusel, Director