Minutes of the Engaged Learning Advisory Committee

Meeting September 4, 2013

In attendance: Patty Alvey, Chair; Chelsea Brown; Rick Halperin; Bob Kehoe; Suzanne Massey; Monnie McGee; Mary Spector; George Utkov; Stephanie Dupaul, *ex officio* Susan Kress, *ex officio*; Kathleen Tibbetts, *ex officio*; Anthony Tillman, *ex officio*; Meleah Chriss, scribe

Not in attendance: Barry Bryan; Kathy Hubbard; Rita Kirk; Barbara Mohrle; Jim Quick; Andrew Quicksall; Michael Tumeo, *ex officio*

This was the first meeting of the Engaged Learning Advisory Committee (ELAC) for the 2013-2014 academic year.

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:06 p.m.
2. The Committee was welcomed by the chair and the committee reviewed the agenda.
3. The minutes from the Mar 6, 2013 meeting were approved.

The Committee heard announcements:

- The Engaged Learning Office is managing 70 Engaged Learning projects (60 approved spring 2013 and 10 continuing from 2012) in 20 countries; there are 54 unique faculty/staff mentors involved.
- The Engaged Learning website was updated over the summer, using SMU's sitecore platform and incorporated suggestions from ELAC.
- The Engaged Learning Office has expanded to include Kenneth Cedeno, full-time Administrative Assistant shared with Undergraduate Research, and Annie Winters, M.Ed. graduate student at 5 hours a week. Returning student workers Ricky Mouser, Sr, and Gabriella Padgett, Jr.

4. The Engaged Learning Progress Report was presented. Patty Alvey commented that this contains the only comprehensive list of campus student engagement programs and this data is good for SACS reports. Tony Tillman commented that the report might be useful for SMU's federal funding reporting.
5. Dr. Quick will work with Susan to meet with the Deans regarding the make-up of the SMU Community Partners Council. Suggestions were made to include members of existing external committees.
6. The Events for the fall, listed on the agenda, were reviewed. A discussion between "engaged learning" and "Engaged Learning" led to the possibility of referring to call students doing the Engaged Learning projects as "fellows."
7. The following updates were made:
    - New members update was given, as listed in the agenda. Also, George Utkov, current student member of the Board of Trustees replaced John Oakes.
    - Meetings for this year were presented, as listed in agenda.
    - Susan and Meleah will contact working groups to set agendas for this year.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

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