

Minutes of the Engaged Learning Advisory Committee

Meeting March 6, 2013

In attendance: Patty Alvey, Chair; Chelsea Brown; Rick Halperin; Nathan Huntoon; Kathy Hubbard; Bob Kehoe; Rita Kirk; Suzanne Massey; Monnie McGee; Barbara Mohrle; John Oakes; Stephanie Dupaul, *ex officio* Susan Kress, *ex officio*; Kathleen Tibbetts, *ex officio*; Michael Tumeo, *ex officio*; Meleah Chriss, scribe

Not in attendance: Barry Bryan; Mary Spector; Jim Quick; Dara Williams-Rossi; Anthony Tillman, *ex officio*;

This was the fifth meeting of the Engaged Learning Advisory Committee (ELAC) for the 2012-2013 academic year.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m.
2. The Committee was welcomed by the chair and the committee reviewed the agenda.
3. The minutes from the Feb 6, 2013 meeting were approved.

The Committee heard announcements:

- There are 56 completed Engaged Learning project applications on file. The Selection Panel has access to them on Blackboard. The Panel is meeting on March 20 at 11 am to proposals. Similar to last year, we expect more will trickle in over the summer. (See addendum)
 - The Engaged Learning Student Panel has a two-pronged Facebook campaign. They are flash-mobbing across campus a couple of times every week to get students to like SMU Engaged Learning and they will throw an ice cream party for the residence hall floor with the most likes.
 - The word is getting out. The Bush Museum and Library internships information session on Tue, Mar 5 was standing room only.
4. The Community Partners Council (CPC) was discussed. The goal is to resolve membership by Apr 3 meeting, invite in May and launch in Aug/Sep. It was decided to set a membership number goal of 24: 12 representing non-profit and 12 representing for-profit and smaller steering committee with a 2 year term. Susan and Meleah will categorize past and current projects and put together a wordle. The Committee will look at the categories and send suggestions of membership to Patty Alvey by Mar 28. Membership will be decided at next ELAC meeting.
 5. The mentoring working group gave an update on the Ethics course. All five undergraduate Deans are supporting the course. The course will have four parts: ethics, grant writing, communication, and final product. Bush Museum and Library internships require students to be enrolled in a class. The Ethics course might be piloted this summer with the interns.
 6. The following announcements were made by Committee members:
 - A press release from Clinton Global Initiative was sent from CGI U to SMU Public Affairs yesterday. Susan Kress is attending the meeting, Apr 5-7 in St. Louis, with 6 SMU students. One of the student groups was selected to exhibit their project. The meeting is hosted by Bill and Chelsea Clinton.
 - The 100 letters campaign deadline is Mar 8 (may be extended). Students are being asked to write a letter to welcome George and Laura Bush to campus. Encourage your students to write a letter.
 - SMU has established McNair Scholars chapter, a program to help disadvantaged students prepare for post-doctoral work.
 - There are now 20 programs identified on campus that fund individualized student learning beyond the classroom projects.
 7. Reminder: the next and final spring meeting is Apr 3 at 9:30 am in Clements G11.
 8. The meeting was adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

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Addendum 1: As of April 1, 61 applications were received and 51 were approved.