

AQIP Cooperative & Experiential Education Team

Noon, Thursday, November 8, 2007 in CM 1120

Meeting rough notes

Members Attending: Cindy McDaniel*, Carlos Cisneros*, Carol Nielsen*, Paul Jordan, Paul Rozycki, Tom Crampton, Laurie LaCross-Wright, Lillie McCain, Robert Matthews

Members Absent: Becky Garske

Pit crew attending: Steve Robinson

Pit crew absent: Gail Ives, Mike Cieslinski

Sponsor(s) attending: Scott Jenkins

Sponsor(s) absent: Amy Fugate

UM-Flint Meeting Update

C. Cisneros said he had made contact with Melissa Stevens-Farrell at UM-Flint and she would prefer meeting with just a couple of team members initially, rather than the entire group. A meeting date has not yet been agreed upon.

Update on co-curricular transcripts

S. Jenkins reported that T. Boquette is away at a conference but will be invited to address the group at a future meeting.

Development of Recommendations

Recommend development of clearing house for experiential learning activities. Components of recommendation yet to be outlined and defined:

- 1) The idea of stipends/mini grants awarded to faculty & possibly also to student clubs/groups for the development of new opportunities.
- 2) Facilities, equipment and other resources needed to create/support an experiential education clearing house, including possible cost analysis.
- 3) Administrative and support personnel for clearing house concept including outline of possible tasks, responsibilities and funding needs.
- 4) Requiring that students participate in some sort of experiential learning during their time at MCC – this needs further study.

It was suggested that the team's recommendation to the Executive Cabinet include a request that a CPSC ad hoc committee be formed to further study issues related to making experiential learning a requirement for all MCC students. Components to be studied include the question of tuition, the minimum number of hours to fulfill the requirement, transcript documentation, etc. that the team potential Experiential Education is an issue that clearly needs additional study and ask rather than recommending that experiential learning be a requirement for all MCC students

P. Rozycki and L. McCain suggested that the Service Learning course "shell" be transformed into an interdisciplinary Experiential Learning "shell." Currently Service Learning can be attached to Social Science courses. If changed to Experiential Learning, it would become applicable campus-wide.

P. Jordan expressed concern that a baseline level (benchmarking) has not been established. He also said faculty should receive recognition in their faculty evaluations for participating in experiential learning.

Think work has been done identifying categories of what is being done. What we want to require is if you're going to do internships you use a particular form and somebody helps coordinate getting that on paper

- Personnel/support issue: Describe the potential responsibilities of a person taking on the role of overseeing or coordinating workflow.
- Funding: Define/estimate associated costs

S. Robinson: suggested that even groups like the MCC Garden Club or student clubs could submit applications for a stipend or mini grant to develop and increase the number of volunteer opportunities for students on campus. It would be the responsibility of the group to prove how opportunities were expanded. You want the carrot to be worth the work. Maybe wouldn't do it for 250 but would for a higher #

Paul J would have to be some expertise for people who don't know anything about it.

Steve: Person incentives clearinghouse – would make a good triangle

Coordinator S. Robinson recommended breaking into two groups:

C. McDaniel, C. Cisneros, P. Jordan, T. Crampton, L. LaCross-Wright

- Take on task of fleshing out thumbnail of clearinghouse resources, benchmarking etc:
- Formulate a long-term recommendation and define challenges.

L. McCain, R. Matthews, P. Rozycki, C. Nielsen

- Define role of coordination/new employee: Lillie, Robert, Paul R. Carol
- Develop recommendation for a basic framework for stipends and mini grants, the application etc.

S. Jenkins asked that the sub committees bring draft recommendations back to the next group meeting, slated for noon Thursday, December 13th in CM 1120.

Recommendation or requirement that all students move toward that – put that down as final snapshot

C. McDaniel, C. Cisneros, T. Crampton, P. Jordan, L. LaCross-Wright will meet Noon, Wednesday, November 21st in CM 1120. L. LaCross-Wright will coordinate lunch for meeting.

R. Matthews, L. McCain, P. Rozycki, C. Nielsen, etc. will meet off campus at Noon November 27th or 29th.