Service Learning University Committee:
Date: October 17, 2023
Location: Teams

Attendance: Craig Becker, Dennis McCunney, Purification Martinez, Charles Brown, Bob O’Halloran, Karen Jones, Davis Roberts, Jennifer Sisk, Renee Spain, Roxanne Wilder, Laura Levi Altstaedter, Robert Quinn, David Loy, Tristin Carpenter

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Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes

Discussion: no discussion

Action Taken: September minutes approved

Assigned Additional Duties: N/A

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Agenda Item: ECU QEP Plan Presentation

Discussion: Drs. Martinez & Levi Altstaedter shared the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) as part of ECU accreditation. Proposed collaboration between Faculty Senate, CoC, GEIEC, SLC, IPAR and QEP to design the IC designation.

Action Taken: none at this time

Assigned Additional Duties: none at this time

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Agenda Item: Carnegie Foundation Community Engagement Discussion

ECU SL Definition: “Service learning is a form of experiential engaged learning whereby students address meaningful civic needs as defined by the community. Students also formally connect their service activities to student learning outcomes and to broader social issues through reflective methods.”

Carnegie Foundation CE Definition: “Community engagement describes collaboration between institutions of higher education and their larger communities (local, regional/state, national, global) for the mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge and resources in a context of partnership and reciprocity. The purpose of community engagement is the partnership of college and university knowledge and resources with those of the public and private sectors to enrich scholarship, research, and creative activity; enhance curriculum, teaching, and learning; prepare educated, engaged citizens; strengthen democratic values and civic responsibility; address critical societal issues; and contribute to the public good.”
**Discussion**: Current committee charge does not involve CE designations the committee is only charged with SL designations. Feedback from Faculty Senate is that a new CE committee is not likely to be approved. Discussion around differences in SL and CE – are all SL courses CE but not all CE courses are SL (outreach vs engagement)? A way to flag and aggregate CE courses in Banner is needed. Associate Deans and Department Chairs identified courses and shared with Carnegie Foundation team for the report application submission. Ideas shared that faculty committee oversight is needed for CE designation and not to leave it to the discretion of Associate Deans and Department Chairs moving forward. Suggestion to review processes of other universities in this area of CE and SL designations. Request to see complete Carnegie application packet and report to assist with next steps.

**Action Taken**: none at this time

**Assigned Additional Duties**: Sisk & Becker will continue to gather more information to bring back to next committee meeting.

Next Meeting: November 14, 2023, 10-11a on Teams