

Service Learning Committee Meeting Minutes November 1, 2012

Members Present:

Guest: Bobby Smith, VPAA

Vivian Grooms, Chair

John Tibbs

Carla Simpson

Agenda:

1. Minutes from last meeting—*will be posted to JWEB; please review*

2. Old Business

a. Definition and Mission of Service Learning at JSCC : *reviewed below:*

“Service Learning is an innovative teaching strategy that provides an opportunity for students to apply academic skills in real-life situations while helping to meet actual community needs through service. A premise of Service-Learning is that the integration of classroom theory with community experience will strengthen ties between student life, and the community, enhance personal and academic growth, enrich the community, and foster a sense of civic responsibility.”

b. Committee Mission –need to develop a clear mission—*it was discussed that the committee mission needs to be dependent upon the development of the Service Learning Program in general; members were asked to be thinking about the mission as the program develops. Current task are to discuss options for best organization of the program; continue task of learning parameters of the current program toward understanding of needs and being able to advise other faculty as needed.*

c. Possible Student Committee Member(s) –discussion (1 member, 2?)—*a student member has been recommended; due to committee member shortage this date, no vote was brought related to student member(s).*

3. New Business

a. Populating the SL Committee—did we do this?—*Bobby Smith indicated that according to current population guidelines for the committee, that members from divisions corresponding (see below) to the roll off years will be able to decide if they would like to roll off that year or stay on for a total of 3 years until the committee is on track with years indicated.*

- One representative from Pro / Tech (Business, CIS, IT, Allied Health) (Even year)
- One representative from Nursing (Odd year)

- One representative from the Arts subdivision (Even year)
- One representative from the Science subdivision (Odd year)
- One student representative (Optional) (Annually)
- Permanent Member – Service Learning Coordinator - Chair

- b. Future Directions—Discussions with Bobby Smith (Scott Woods out)—*discussion of structural organization for program as the committee members (Bobby, Vivian and John) present reviewed the Volunteer State website and discussed how other colleges have organized. Discussion lead to asking Francis Anthony to become ex-officio permanent member of the committee due to Career Placement's involvement in other colleges; Bobby Smith emailed Dr. Seymour for recommendation and received immediate support of the idea; Bobby Smith will advise Dr. Blanding and provide feedback asap regarding the recommendation. Vivian Grooms described concerns of replicating services and need to consider future directions that will enable writing a clear Americorp VISTA concept paper to achieve a VISTA Volunteer whose job description could serve the college best in all service activities (e.g., service only, service learning, service to the college).*

Carla Simpson inquired about the status of Service Learning in the Strategic plan. Vivian Grooms has not gathered that information, and Bobby Smith advised that he will find out and email to Chair. Chair will advise committee.

- c. Mani Hull JSCC visit, Nov. 12—11:30 (lunch) -1:30 p.m.—With whom should she meet and what needs discussing?—*Members who can meet will be advised of meeting times and asked to attend if possible. Bobby Smith indicated that he and Scott Woods would want to meet with Dr. Hull. Items for discussion should include (but not be limited to of course) ideas for organizational structure for Service Learning.*
- d. Other:--*Mary Wadley discussed with Vivian Grooms (before meeting) recent attendance at the International Studies conference (TNCIS) where the topics were "all about" service learning and having shorter, less costly trips (student contribution ends up being around \$500.00) that involve service and are sometimes taken as 7 week courses. This will be discussed more at a later date.*

4. Dates to Remember:

- November 9th—Cleveland State Community College Mini-Conference—*Vivian and Scott will attend; topic is Service Learning and Retention; will bring information back to committee*
- November 12th—Mani Hull, Executive Director TNCC coming to JSCC
- Next Meeting: *Will be with Mani Hull if members are available.*