

CONFERENCE DEVELOPMENT GRANT REPORTING FORM

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PROGRAM

Program Title: Curricular Sudoku: Connecting Across the Liberal Arts with Quantitative Reasoning

Date of event: January 17, 2007 Location: UWSP College of Professional Studies

Audience (discipline(s)/approx. no.): ~250 faculty and staff from UWMC, UWMWC, UWSP, and MSTC from all disciplines. (About 15 of the total were administrative staff from the same institutions.)

Please provide a brief summary of your program. Outline your original goals and indicate how successfully you carried them out.

Professor Neil Lutsky from Carleton College provoked our thinking about what it means to be a liberally educated person by discussing, in the plenary session, quantitative literacy within the context of his project on quantitative reasoning as a goal of liberal education in mathematics. Break out sessions (led by UWSP staff members) allowed participants to define and discuss other literacies such as scientific literacy, civic literacy, history literacy, et al.

Our goal of exploring ideas of general education outcomes was met through these two activities. Concluding surveys showed that cross-disciplinary conversation did indeed lead to broader appreciation of what is meant by and necessary to a liberal education. On the affective level, participants also enjoyed and were stimulated by the atypical conversations of general education described by intended outcomes in distinction to a menu of course options.

In a debriefing session, the conference organizing committee concluded that the conference was successful in providing a collegial and spirited venue for conversations on "How do we know our students are afforded a liberal education?"

DISPOSITION OF GRANT	From OPID	From Other Sources
Travel expenses	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
Materials	<u>0</u>	<u>50</u>
Other expenses (specify)	<u>500 (Food)</u>	<u></u>
SUBTOTAL	<u></u>	<u></u>
TOTAL AMOUNT	<u></u>	

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