

Service-Learning Steering Committee Meeting
Friday, March 28, at 10 am in LRC 507

Minutes

Present: Shannon Chronister, Michele Dickinson, Patricia Ploetz, Tim Krause, Toni Sage, James Sage

Discussion items included:

- 1. Update on Service-Learning Colloquium (April 18). Michele provided an update on the Colloquium, and shared ideas about how to recruit more faculty participants, more community partners, and how to prepare/train the facilitators.**

James will e-mail a “personal” invitation to all of those who participated in the Feb 07 event.

Michele will e-mail all faculty who have contacted her about SL.

Tim will spread the word at Rotary.

Shannon will spread the word at SIEO and with community partners.

More information about the Colloquium here:

<https://www.uwsp.edu/admin/acadaffairs/caese/Conferences/ServiceLearning/index.aspx>

The Agenda is here:

<https://www.uwsp.edu/admin/acadaffairs/caese/Conferences/ServiceLearning/agenda2008.aspx>

You can Register here:

<https://www.uwsp.edu/admin/acadaffairs/caese/Conferences/ServiceLearning/registration2008.aspx>

A copy of the Brochure is here: ([PDF document](#))

- 2. Update on our trip to UW - Eau Claire and follow-up meetings with Bondeson, Nook**

The trip to UWEC was very informative and inspiring. James reported to the committee on the meetings with Bondeson and Nook (both of which were very positive).

- 3. Planning for “next steps” to support service-learning (including the GDR revision committee, securing funding for positions, working with Academic/Student Affairs, etc.)**

The committee discussed various strategies for moving Service-Learning forward, including:

- meeting with the Academic Affairs Administrative Council;
- meeting with Student Affairs;
- meeting with the GDR revision committee;

We (especially James) should be prepared to share/discuss the following:

- a. a general rationale for why SL fits on campus with the Vision, NSSE, Criterion 5, goals of the General Degree Requirements, benefits for students/faculty/campus/community, as well as some quantitative data about the impact of service-learning on the local community (number of hours, value of service, etc.);
- b. concrete ideas for “beginning steps” (a “project” position or staff position, part-time faculty release for a director of service-learning);

- c. the “larger vision” of a service-learning center on campus to make UWSP known for our commitment to service and citizenship (e.g., something like “The Center for Citizenship and Service” which would partner with Student Affairs/SIEO and with Academic Affairs/CAESE, as well as the Student Government Association and the International Programs, along with other existing successful programs on campus).

Shannon discussed her plans to have a campus-wide celebration of service (10,000 hour celebration, which includes both volunteer hours and service-learning hours), including the idea that such a celebration might be “distributed” on campus at various locations and/or on the web.

Shannon/Michele also announced that SIEO was considering transferring their Tutoring Program (college students tutoring in K-12 schools) to Academic Affairs (because many of those students are completing these service hours as part of their ED 205 course, which makes it a form of service-learning, not mere volunteering... and this program would be better served within academic affairs). If we can develop a Service-Learning Center, this tutoring program would be a good fit.

Michele will be visiting UW-Milwaukee’s Service-Learning Center on Friday April 25. Please contact Michele if you are interested in joining her.

4. Recruiting new committee members (representatives from other colleges and disciplines)

Please consider mentioning the committee to key people on campus and suggest that they contact me if they’d like to participate as a committee member (we especially need folks from COFAC and CPS).

Upcoming Events / Meetings:

Service-Learning Colloquium (Part II):

Friday, April 18, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm in the D.U.C.

Service-Learning Steering Committee:

Friday, May 2, 10:00-10:50 in LRC 507

Service-Learning Practitioners Meetings:

Tuesday, April 1, 12:30-1:30 in LRC 507

Tuesday, April 29, 12:30-1:30 in LRC 507

Service-Learning Reading Circles:

Wednesday, April 9, 12:00-1:00 in LRC 507

Wednesday, April 30, 12:00-1:00 in LRC 507