

Service-Learning Steering Committee Meeting
Thursday October 25, 2007 @ 10:00-11:00 am
LRC 310

Minutes

Present: Toni Sage, Tim Krause, Michele Dickinson, James Sage.

Reports: Michele provided an update on the various service-learning activities at UWSP.

For Discussion:

1. Update and Planning for Spring Service-Learning Colloquium (part 2)

- Michele updated the Committee on the planning (UPDC Grant Submitted, asking \$1800)
Update: UPDC did NOT fund this grant proposal ☹.
- Michele reported that \$1500 is already pledged:
\$500 from CAESE (Patricia Ploetz)
\$1000 from L&S (Lance Grahn/Charles Clark) and Computing and New Media Technology
(Dan Goulet)
- The event will take place on Friday April 18, 2008 in the new Student Union building.
- We are busy recruiting faculty members and community partners to attend. We'll probably need some people to serve as session leaders. If you are interested in helping, please contact Michele.

2. January 2008 Annual Teaching Conference: Theme = Global Citizenship. After working with Patricia, we were able to get a session devoted to service-learning. James, Michele, Jeanna, Debbie, and Tim have offered to help with this session. (We'll be meeting @ 2:00 pm on Monday, December 17 in LRC 507 to plan the session. We might also try to develop a "poster" of some kind to promote service-learning?). Here's the relevant info that we're working with:

Title: "Developing Global Citizenship through Local Service-Learning Activities"

Abstract: Global Citizenship is a valuable, complex, and diverse concept. UWSP already possesses many different resources and programs that contribute to the development of Global Citizenship. In this session, we will explore the ways that service-learning activities in local communities can contribute to the development of the same values associated with Global Citizenship, including a sense of civic responsibility, a passion for justice, personal engagement, identification of social problems, community building, inter-personal communication, conflict resolution, cultural diversity, and the value of service. In this respect, service-learning can provide one way of promoting Global Citizenship.

3. Spring Reading Circles: Michele is currently soliciting interested people for one or two reading circles in the Spring. Please contact Michele if you are interested in leading/participating.

4. The Committee discussed various themes and ideas for Spring service-learning events (brown bag topics, meeting days/times, themes to explore, possible service activities, etc.), including a possible Field Trip to Eau Claire, reaching out to community partners (e.g., Community Gardens, HPPP, etc.).

- Next SLSC Meeting: Thursday December 6 @ 10 am LRC 507