

**Engagement Leadership Council
March 2, 2017 (2:00 - 3:15 p.m.)
902 Prices Fork Road, Suite 120
GATEWAY – Large Conference Room**



Participants:

Andrea Brunais, Outreach and International Affairs
David Close, Commission on Outreach and International Affairs
Guru Ghosh, Outreach and International Affairs
Mike Martin, Virginia Cooperative Extension
Patrick Miller, College of Architecture and Urban Studies
John Provo, Office of Economic Development
Susan Short, Engagement
Debra Stoudt, College of Liberal Arts & Human Sciences

Meeting Highlights:

Susan Short provided a welcome and facilitated introductions. She shared information related to the “call for proposals” for the 2017 Engagement Scholarship Consortium annual conference to be held in Birmingham, Alabama September 26-27, 2017. The submission deadline for presentations and posters is **March 15, 2017**. Go to: <https://engagementscholarship.org/upload/conferences/2017ESC-call-for-proposals.pdf>. Guru Ghosh has agreed to cover registration costs for 3-4 individuals to participate in the 2017 annual conference.

Susan reminded the group about access to various conference incentive funds. These include the COTA Small Grants program (to support programs delivered at The Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center) and Inn Incentive funds (focused on new program delivery at the Inn at Virginia Tech & Skelton Conference Center). Program planners are encouraged to work directly with Continuing and Professional Education faculty members to apply for these resources.

Susan also shared with the group information related to “Partnership Grants for Research Development”. These funds have been designed to support project activity at the Catawba Sustainability Center. Additional information including how to apply can be found at: https://vtnews.vt.edu/notices/20170209_notice_vts_catawba_sustainability_center_.html.

Meeting attendees provided program updates.

John Provo shared information related to the campus visit by SRI and Rockingham County representatives. The group is looking to revitalize the facility in Harrisonburg specifically related to translational research.

Andrea Brunais indicated that through a partnership with the Institute of Policy and Governance that three (3) respondents to the latest Save Our Towns episode have been selected to participate in asset mapping. These towns include Marion, Wytheville, and Pennington Gap. She also shared with the group that Save Our Towns has recently received several CASE awards.

Debra Stoudt reminded the group that Virginia Tech is serving as the host site for the Extreme Appalachia Conference (March 9-13, 2017). Several events are open to the public. Go to: <http://appalachianstudies.org/annualconference/> for additional information.

Mike Martin provided a VEC update. This year's state in-service program was delivered over the web. This reduced cost measure seemed to be effective. It was good to note that following the General Assembly session that previous budget cuts were restored to VCE. He shared that 20+ individuals took advantage of the early severance package. This included two district directors. He also shared that Carol Byrd, 4-H director in Patrick County, had retired. Holly Scoggins is involved in a major hops study focused on variety trials.

Patrick Miller is participating in one of the Strategic Growth area conversations – Equity and Disparity in the Human Condition. We are encouraged to think about these areas in a broader context including global implications.

Susan reminded the group that the next meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2017 beginning at 2:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Meetings for 2017

(All meetings will be held from 2 - 3:15 p.m. at 902 Prices Fork Road, Suite 120, unless otherwise noted):

June 1, 2017
September 7, 2017
December 7, 2017