

**Engagement Leadership Council  
Meeting Highlights – Virtual Only  
March 16, 2023 (2:00 - 3:15 p.m.)**

**Participants:** Nicole Akers for Pam VandeVord (COE), Craig Arthur (Library), Jan Helge Bohn (COIA), Diane Deffenbaugh (Office of Engagement), Svetlana Filiatreau (PCOB), Ben Grove for Mike Gutter (VCE), Shelly Jobst (CPE), Meghan Weyrens Kuhn (VT Engage), Jessica McMillan (VT Engage), Erin Poff (ICTAS), Susan Short (Engagement/OIA), Aimee Surprenant (Grad School), Cris Thompson (Engagement/OIA), Scott Weimer (Roanoke Regional Initiatives)

**Welcome/Introductions**

Susan Short welcomed the group. Participants completed self-introductions.

**Engagement Scholarship Consortium**

Susan provided reminders and updates related to the Engagement Scholarship Consortium 2023 conference (call for proposals), awards program nominations, and grants program.

The 2023 **annual conference** will be hosted by Michigan State University October 4-5, 2023.

Conference information (including call for proposals) is available at:

[ESC 2023 - Engagement Scholarship Consortium](#). (March 31, 2023 deadline) **Awards**

**information** (student, faculty, staff, community partner, and institution can be found at:

[Awards for Excellence in Engaged Scholarship - Engagement Scholarship Consortium](#)

(March 25, 2023 deadline).

Information related to the **Engaged Scholarship Research/Creative Activities Grants Program** (up to \$5,000 to fund a one-year project) is available at:

[Application Procedures and Process - Engagement Scholarship Consortium](#) (May 5, 2023

deadline). Feel free to reach out to Susan if you need additional information.

**Contract Credit Update**

Shelly Jobst, director of continuing and professional education, provided an overview and update regarding the university's contract credit policy. She reviewed a model that has been developed with Northrup Grumman (computer science and computer engineering). Leaders are looking to update the current policy and to look for long term solutions in relationship to options for stackable credentials.

**Graduate Certificate Program**

Cris Thompson shared information related to the development of a graduate certificate program in community engaged scholarship. The work group is reviewing current graduate course offerings and planning for an upcoming (virtual) meeting with Diane Doberneck, university outreach and engagement at Michigan State University. The work group will reconvene sometime this Spring to discuss next steps.

**Carnegie Foundation 2026 Elective Classification for Community Engagement**

Susan reminded the group that Virginia Tech will participate in the 2026 Carnegie Reclassification process. ELC members were encouraged to consider participating on the task

force/work group or identify colleagues that would be interested in serving. Various work groups will be convened in the Fall.

### **Summer Program Updates**

Meeting participants provided updates regarding scheduled summer programs. These included:

Summer camps at the six 4-H centers; State 4H Congress, State FAA Convention, Executive Leadership for DECA, and HOSA (Virginia Cooperative Extension)

PCOB will be hosting a B.I.T. Academy for high school students 7/6-7/15

VT Engage will host a global immersion trip to Poland 6/12 – 6/23/2023

Roanoke Initiatives will host and/or partner with a number of STEM camps and programs throughout the summer – in addition, they will host a “Think A Bit for Good” experience in July.

### **Additional Items**

ELC members provided a number of updates. These included:

Meghan Weyrens Kuhn shared information related to VT Engage’s Senior Leadership Academy.

Svetlana Filiatreau provided an update related to new B.I.T. cyber partnerships/agreements with Northern Virginia and Germanna community colleges. In addition, she shared information related to Pamplin’s Inspiring Possibilities (PIP) Academy. See [Pamplin's Inspiring Possibilities \(PIP\) Academy | Pamplin College of Business | Virginia Tech \(vt.edu\)](#) for additional information.

Amy Surprenant reminded the group of the future professoriate certificate programs facilitated by the Graduate School (e.g., Preparing the Future Professoriate and Citizen Scholar Program). The Diversity and Inclusion in a Global Society program will convene this Summer alongside of President Sands at the university’s center in Riva San Vitale, Switzerland.

Jan Helge Bohn provided a quick update regarding COIA’s ongoing work with a Global Strategic Plan for the university.

Susan announced that the next meeting of the Engagement Leadership Council will be held **June 1, 2023 at 2 p.m.** The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by  
Susan E. Short, Associate Vice President for Engagement*