

**Engagement Leadership Council  
Meeting Highlights – Virtual Only  
September 7, 2023 (2:00 - 3:15 p.m.)**



**Participants:** Nicole Akers (COE), Craig Arthur (Library), Brian Bond (CNRE), Dave Close (COIA), Diane Deffenbaugh (Office of Engagement), Pamela Gilchrist (Innovation Campus), Ben Grove (VCE), Shelly Jobst (CPE), Rich Matheson (OIA), Allison Mays (VT Southwest Center), Jessica Baty-McMillan (VT Engage), Jennifer Nardine (UCIA), John Provo (CECE), Susan Short (Engagement/OIA), Pamela Smart-Smith (LCI), Debra Stoudt (CLAHS), Cathy Sutphin (CALs Extension), Cris Thompson (Office of Engagement), Ariana Wyatt (CAAD)

### **Welcome/Introductions**

Susan Short welcomed the group. New members completed self-introductions. Returning members shared information related to summer programming and unit updates. Although Amy Azano was not able to attend the meeting, she relayed her appreciation for those that supported and attended the Rural Education Summit and Beth Macy's community conversation.

### **Engagement Scholarship Consortium**

Susan provided reminders and updates related to the Engagement Scholarship Consortium 2023 conference. The 2023 **annual conference** will be hosted by Michigan State University October 4-5, 2023. There are one or two conference registrations still available if you or colleagues are interested in attending. Please reach out to Susan directly to secure one of these "free" conference registrations. Registration must be completed by the September 18, 2023 deadline.

### **Engaged Scholar Network Updates**

Graduate Certificate Program – Cris Thompson provided a brief update regarding the ongoing efforts of the work group. The committee will meet in the near future to discuss credit and non-credit program possibilities.

University Engagement – Virginia Tech Engaged News website – Diane Deffenbaugh and Rich Matheson encouraged ELC members to forward stories to be included on the website. This site continues to be used to elevate and celebrate engaged scholarship throughout the university.

Carnegie Foundation 2026 Elective Classification for Community Engagement (see slide deck for additional information) Susan shared that nominations were being accepted for individuals to serve on the Leadership Group. She is hopeful that the Commission on Outreach and International Affairs will appoint members to the leadership group during their October 2023 meeting. Expertise is needed in relationship to community partnerships, institution (campus-wide) tracking, monitoring, and assessment, outcomes and impacts, faculty promotion/faculty scholarship, and curriculum. If interested in serving in this capacity or would like to nominate a colleague, please reach out directly to Susan.

### **Program Updates**

Cathy Sutphin shared information related to the expansion of VCEs Opioid Abatement program.

Cris Thompson and Malle Schilling (Engineering Education) have been selected to participate in the Engagement Scholarship Consortium's Emerging Engagement Scholars Workshop.

Allison Mays announced that a \$450K training proposal from the US EPA Brownfields program. She also shared that the Southwest Center is hosting a Women Impact Virginia (WIV) regional event on Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. – noon. Amy Clark, author of Talking Appalachian: Voice, Identify, and Community, will be the keynote speaker.

Debra Stoudt announced receipt of a \$500K grant from the Andrew Mellon Foundation to create local and regional programming for disability-led arts, culture, reflection, and technology guidance. The three-year project, Just Dis Tech, will involve the launch of an education and arts outreach residency program with artists focused on disability justice. The researchers will also cultivate the emerging inclusive gaming community and establish a Disability Community Technology Center. Ashley Shew, department of science, technology, and society is the project's leader.

Shelly Jobst provided an update to Virginia Tech's Lifelong Learning Institute. Registration is currently open for the Fall Semester. The program has a wide array of

course offerings – Demystifying Computer Technology, Creating Beautiful and Tasty Charcuterie Boards, Watercolor, How Anthropology Connects Our Past and Present, Best American Short Stories. About 250 members have registered for 1,000 course seats for the Fall term.

John Provo encouraged the group to learn more about the St. Paul community and the work that faculty, researchers, and students are focusing on in reimaging a historically Black college in rural Brunswick County.

Diane Deffenbaugh provided a brief update regarding the upcoming Women Impact Virginia Summit which will be held at The Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Keynote speakers include Dr. Winifred Bragg, MD Norfolk VA and Andrea Lynn White, chief of staff to the president and CEO of Genworth Financial , Inc.

Cathy Sutphin shared that the Autism Center is seeking two post-docs or research assistants for the Rural Autism Project. The focus of the project is to build autism centers across the Commonwealth.

Pamela Gilchrist shared reflections from her participation in a STEM computing conference that was recently held in Ghana and thinking about ways to contribute and support educators in that region.

Susan provided a quick update regarding the slave cemetery task force at the Reynolds Homestead. A team of Virginia Tech colleagues, led by Julie Walters Steele – RH director and members of the Reynolds family, recently traveled to Clemson University to learn more about their restorative efforts and the Call My Name project. OIA is hoping to host project leader, Rhondda Robinson Thomas, Calhoun Lemon Professor of Literature at Clemson, for a series of lectures and meetings in Spring 2024.

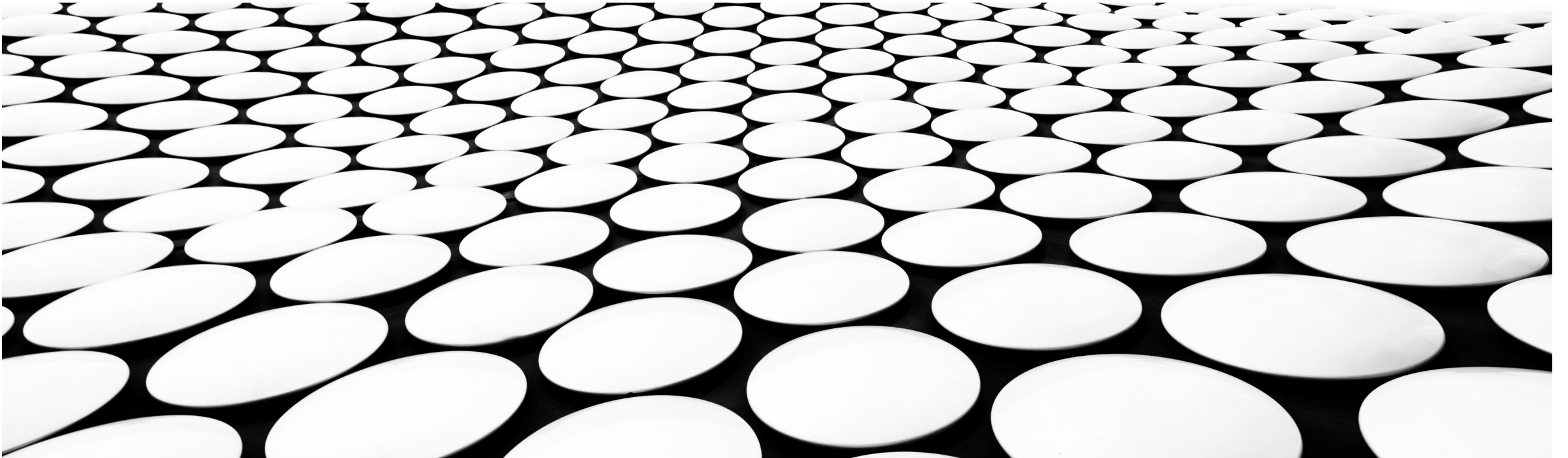
Susan announced that the next meeting of the Engagement Leadership Council will be held December 7, 2023 at 2 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

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

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# ENGAGEMENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2023



# ENGAGEMENT SCHOLARSHIP CONSORTIUM UPDATES

<http://engagementscholarship.org/meetings/>

**Pre-Conferences** hosted by Michigan State University  
*Emerging Engagement Scholars Workshop*  
*Engagement Academy for University Leaders Workshop*  
*Outreach and Engagement Practitioners Network Workshop*  
*Pre-College and Youth Programming Workshop*

October 2-3, 2023



October 4-5, 2023

**Annual Meeting/Conference** hosted by Michigan State University  
*Mobilizing Change through Engaged Scholarship*  
ESC Member Institutional Packages available through July 31, 2023  
Early-bird registration ends August 13, 2023  
**Standard registration ends September 18, 2023**

# ENGAGED SCHOLAR NETWORK WORK GROUP UPDATES

- **Graduate Certificate Program** – Community-Engaged Scholarship (best practices, community-based research, capstone)
- **University Engagement News** [Office of Engagement | OIA | Virginia Tech \(vt.edu\)](#)
- **Carnegie Foundation 2026 Elective Classification for Community Engagement** [2024 Community Engagement Re-Classification Framework \(acenet.edu\)](#)



- **2026 Cycle Timeline Overview**  
Framework Released & Applications Available: January 2024  
Application deadline: April 2025  
Campuses notified: December 2025  
Public Announcement: January 2026

# RE-CLASSIFICATION DOCUMENTATION FRAMEWORK

<http://communityengagement-carnegieclassificationofinstitutionsofhighereducation.acenet.edu>



January 26, 2024 – Framework Released

November 4, 2024 – Deadline to secure application and initiate process

April 1, 2025 – Application Deadline

December 2025 – Notification to Campuses

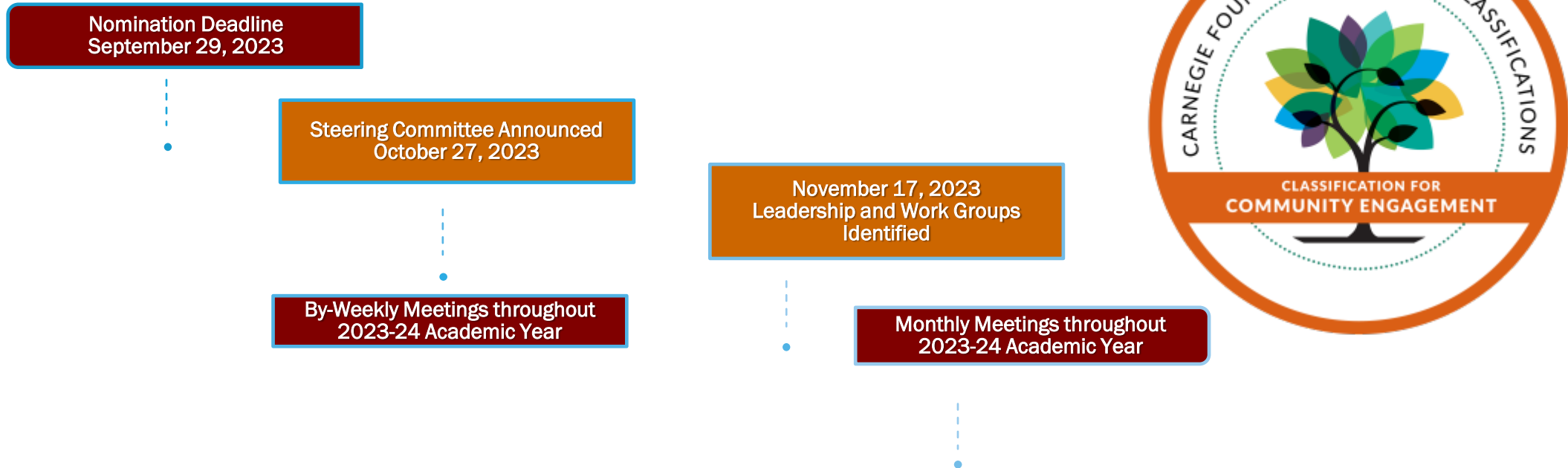
January 26, 2026 – Public announcement of 2026 designees

# APPLICATION – MAJOR SECTIONS

- **SECTION 2: Campus, Community, and Community Engagement Context** *(Describe how community engagement efforts since your last classification have been impacted by recent national and global events . . . )*
- **SECTION 3: Quality of Community Engagement Relationships** *(Provide an example of collective goals that the campus and community have developed and agreed upon to guide community engagement . . . )*
- **SECTION 4: Community Partnerships** *(Describe at least five representative examples of partnerships that illustrate both the breadth and depth of community engagement . . . )*
- **SECTION 7: Institutional (Campus-Wide) Tracking, Monitoring, and Assessment** *(Describe the mechanisms for systematic assessment of community perceptions of the institution's engagement with community . . . )*
- **SECTION 8: Outcomes and Impacts** *(Provide an example of institutional, departmental, and/or programmatic learning outcomes for students who participate in for-credit courses . . . )*
- **SECTION 9: Faculty and Staff** *(Describe the policies for faculty promotion . . . Cite three examples of college/school and/or department-level policies . . . )*
- **SECTION 10: Curricular Engagement** *(academically based community engaged courses . . . )*
- **SECTION 11: Co-Curricular Engagement** *(Describe how community engagement is integrated into institutional co-curricular practices by providing at least two examples from the following categories (e.g., social innovation/entrepreneurship, alternative break – domestic or international, student internships/co-ops/career exploration, athletics, Greek life).*



# RE-CLASSIFICATION DOCUMENTATION LEADERSHIP GROUP





## **ADDITIONAL TOPICS**

**NEXT MEETING of the Engagement Leadership Council:**

**Thursday, December 7, 2023**