

**Engagement Leadership Council
Meeting Highlights
September 8, 2022 (2:00 - 3:15 p.m.)**

Participants: Jan Helge Bohn (COIA), Brian Bond (CNRE), Don Hempson (OIA), Farida Jalalzai (UCIA), Shelly Jobst (Continuing and Professional Education), Meghan Weyrens Kuhn (VT Engage), Gerard Lawson (School of Education), Rich Mathieson (OIA), Debra Stoudt (CLAHS), Cathy Sutphin (VCE), Susan Short (OIA), Cris Thompson (OIA), Scott Weimer (Roanoke Regional Initiatives)

Welcome/Introductions

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

Engagement Scholarship Consortium

Susan shared information regarding the upcoming Engagement Scholarship Consortium annual conference (September 21-22, 2022 at the University of Georgia). During the conference, VTDITC: Hip Hop Studies program will receive the ESC Excellence award for Student Community Engagement. Craig Arthur, University Libraries, and the team will be in attendance. In addition, Susan shared that Angela Scarpa, department of psychology, was selected to receive an ESC research/creative activities grant for their project, *Leveraging Community Partnerships to Increase Professional Capacity and Improve Access to Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy for Autistic Youth*.

Engaged Scholar Network

Cris Thompson shared information related to the development of a graduate certificate program in community engaged scholarship and the potential of hosting a community engaged scholarship writing retreat. A small focus group session will be conducted in the near future.

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.

Additional Items

ELC members provided a number of updates:

Farida Jalalzai – this year's UCIA members will focus on awards, MOU working group, increased communication, collaborations, international alumni engagement.

Cathy Sutphin – announced that Mike Gutter has been selected as director of VCE and associate dean (starting November 1). VCE will host the Appalachian Regional Health Summit 11/3-4 at The Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center. Morris White has joined VCE as the newly established 5th district manager.

Jan Helge Bohn shared information related to the new governance structure and global strategic plan.

Meghan Weyrens Kuhn described how students are seeking ways to be together in community. She shared a number of intentional programming efforts (Labor Stay Weekend) and different ways to help students connect outside of the Blacksburg bubble.

Gerard Lawson – the Malawi partnership is expanding. Shared information related to the Center for Rural Education and the leadership provided by Amy Azano. The center hosted the inaugural Rural Education Summit on August 26th.

Debra Stoudt – shared information related to the reorganization of SPIA to CLAHS and the centers for Refugee, Migrant, and Displacement, Rural Education, and Appalachian Studies.

Shelly Jobst shared information related to CPE’s current location in the Surge building and future location at the Corporate Research Center. The unit is working to implement Sales Force (systems consolidation) and programs with Northrop Grumman. In addition, several new initiatives are being delivered in relationship to preparing students for the masters in engineering in computer engineering program.

Scott Weimer - invited members to participate in “Game Changers Week” scheduled for 9/13-9/15 in Roanoke and Blacksburg. The Virginia Women’s Municipal Leadership Institute will wrap up in September. A second cohort is scheduled to start in January. The Recently Appointed Administrators program (in it’s 18th consecutive year) will be launched September 14th and includes 36 participants.

Susan announced that the next meeting of the Engagement Leadership Council is December 8, 2022 at 2 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by
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