Applied Learning Initiative Committee   *Minutes for Tuesday 12/19/2023*

Welcome and Updates

Open-Ended Discussion

- Finalizing Definitions
    o Kerri presented updates made to our definitions draft within the four key areas as well as the overall definition of Applied Learning. Colleagues on the committee seemed to appreciate all updates and minimal feedback was needed.
        ▪ "Public Universities" may be better messaged as "Land Grant Institutions"
- Tracking Mechanisms
    o Beth has requested information from the larger Research unit to be provided by the first week of classes in January.
    o Dean Tolar suggested that Cat Trax is an existing mechanism for tracking co-curricular applied learning experiences.
        ▪ Could we visit with Sara Heiman about the metamorphosis of this program over the years and identify ways this system could be useful?
    o Microcredentials could serve to track and reward for curricular and co-curricular experiences.
    o We need to re-visit our spreadsheet of curricular information. In spring, we will need to devise a way to assess the courses we know of.
    o In Education Abroad, students enroll in a placeholder course in order to maintain full-time status. Could this course be utilized to identify experiences abroad which are or are not applied learning? How can we engage campus partners to capture the experience and the learning taking place?
    o A concrete need of this initiative will include staffing and resources to provide curricular preparation and reflective opportunities at a scalable level. ==If the student can't articulate their experience, we have failed at providing them with a true applied learning experiences.==
- Partners in Defining our Work
    o The group discussed and added to a brainstorming document of persons and groups to reach out to.

- o How can we gather people together to network and celebrate the applied learning that is taking place already? Perhaps March-April timeline?
  - TLC Spotlight Event?

Action Steps

- Please consider if you are interested in serving on the comment-processing group. This will likely take an extra chunk of your time.
- Investigate TLC Spotlight Event availability.
- Continue to consider resources needed to make Applied Learning a success.