

## **Applied Learning Initiative Committee**

*Minutes for Thursday 10/26/2023*

### **Welcome and Updates**

#### ***Mary:***

- Plans to set meeting with Nate Birkhead
- Staley family had a wonderful meeting, the Staleys are gaining understanding of the Strategic Plan and partnership with the Foundation
- Expressing the need to form aspirational language to communicate the overall goal and ask of the Applied Learning initiative with partners
- We should aim our focus to meeting needs, not creating a need to meet a goal, i.e. spaces

### **Weekly Progress Reports**

#### ***Kerri:***

- Has submitted a data request with the Registrar with the goal of taking an inventory of existing applied learning courses
- Began brainstorming best practices

#### ***Maggie:***

- Reported updates on Site Visits and connections made
- Posed discussion regarding reaching out to campus partners for interviews

#### ***Emily:***

- Tee-ed up discussion on setting dates for completion of defining work
- Assessed current committee structure and recommended organization for bringing in more partners

### Open-Ended Discussion

- How will we work with Olathe, Salina, and Global campuses?
  - o We feel that bringing in these partners up front is the most visible option.
  - o Should we identify a team for Global to draft their own criterion?
- What is the structure of second and third tier committee partnerships?
- What will our webpage look like?
  - o Utilize the webpage to convey structure

### Action Steps

- Create more framing and defining, extrapolate findings from Registrar to then go to Campus Partners with
- Work to define Applied Learning and subsequent categories – Kerri
  - o Embed definition with the spirit of “When done well”
  - o Work to have this done by the end of the calendar year
  - o Work to build the *why*, not just the definition
    - We hope to bring in campus partners for input before putting it out to Campus- Brent, Beth, Trish Nov. 16- Emily to draft and Dean Tolar to reach out
- Consider how our webpage may be structured
- Reach out to Staley Staff to gain insight and connections on site visits- Maggie