

**Applied Learning Initiative Committee***Minutes for Thursday 11/02/2023***Welcome and Updates****Mary:**

- Set meeting with Nate Birkhead for November 15
  - o Let's use him as a faculty member to brainstorm with
  - o Who to include next? Pamela Erickson? New AVP? To include after next round of folks
    - Ask about Rickter Scholarship
- We will want to work quickly to create working groups to begin in the new year
  - o Online
  - o Internship Directors
  - o Utilize Engagement Ambassador student group under Tim Steffensmeier
- How will we work to engage online learners?
  - o Katie Lender- High Impact Practices in Online Learning
    - Hold a working group with her book?
    - Jo Maseburg-Tomlinson?

**Weekly Progress Reports****Kerri:**

- Rough Drafts of Definitions- proposed definitions for our group to solidify in order to allow space for other perspectives
  - o Once we have definitions, we also need to communicate how we will implement and track each area
  - o When we feel that we are ready to show our definitions, it is important to gather input from others
    - Working Groups>Deans for College-Specific Input>forwarded to the right person in each college>Engagement Leads (Tim's Group)
- Submitted request for internship, practicum, undergraduate research, field experience pull
  - o This may take awhile, be warned that there is not a good amount of standardization
    - We also hope to gain an understanding of the number of students who are already engaging in Applied Learning

- Advisors will be a key group in ensuring that this initiative is executed

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***Maggie:***

- To put together the information on existing courses on the spreadsheet

***Emily:***

- Website design has begun. All are welcome to add information or structural ideas

**Open-Ended Discussion**

- What are things that are not applied learning? How can we identify gaps in existing programs or programs to be created as part of the Strategic Plan in order to edify them to be Applied Learning?
- Study Abroad- Students are leaning toward short-term, faculty-led experiences...how can we leverage those?

**Action Steps**

- Creating agenda for following week with additional folks
- Dean Tolar: Spend time writing in order to give communication to Foundation
- All: Spend time with definitions to solidify ideas before Nov. 16 meeting with extra partners
- Emily: Find Lori's blog for example of table
- Maggie: Reach out to Brent and ask for Study Abroad Definition-let him know that we have SLOs