

## Applied Learning Initiative Committee

## Minutes for Thursday 02/08/2024

## Discussion

- Defining, Tracking, Communication
  - Nearly ready to distribute. Small edits have been made to examples to be more allencompassing, descriptive, and current.
  - We hope to list sources, etc. at the beginning.
  - Question for all: Is it important to us to know what academic unit participants are from?
    If we do, it should be listed third, not first.
  - Kerri to make unit option updates.
- Community-Based Learning
  - Two pilot locations identified for a Community-Based Learning experience. A second meeting with OOE is scheduled for Friday, February 16.
  - Departmental grants to be paused until fall, and dollars and energy to go to our 'Shiny Project' as well as student grants.
  - Conversation had surrounding benefits and opportunities in each of the pilot locations.
    - Jeff Tucker in TDI could be an interesting partner.
    - Engineers without Borders
- Imperative Sustainability
  - Grant opportunities for faculty and departments to be paused for Fall
    - These grants would help imbed Applied Learning in academic programs and develop forward-thinking curriculum.
    - We need to do mapping work to identify current and needed resources before assigning dollars.
  - We are interested in piloting a process to distribute dollars to students to enhance their applied learning experiences.
    - Supplemental funds for each of the four key experiences. I.E. housing stipends for unpaid interns.
    - There is a potential to pilot this opportunity within the semester.
    - A pitfall to handing out cash for aspirational experiences is that there may not be time to educate instructors on discrimination, violence, etc.



- We likely could utilize current staff/faculty to facilitate a legally sound training to incentivize applied learning integration to summer intercession or Fall programs.
- Trish and Brent to collaborate on a proposal for a concise idea for training.
- Purposes for interviews were drafted based upon last week's discussion. Questions can now be drafted to reflect purposes.

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- What's on your mind?

## **Next Steps**

- What can we accomplish as a team?