

Applied Learning Initiative Committee

Minutes for Thursday 10/19/2023

Welcome and Updates

Mary:

- Dean Tolar shared updates on communications received following publication of the Applied Learning Initiative
 - Dining Services Examples of early cafeterias serving as extra-classroom labs
 - Potential partnerships with alumni
 - University-Wide
 - Recipients of the Richter Family Beyond the Campus Scholarship
 - Food sciences accelerated learning program
- First, we should identify a team of stakeholders/participants, then define the task at hand
- This initiative should aim toward embedding Applied Learning into each department's curriculum, not adding to it
- How can we work to understand how other departments assess/create curriculum and tags?
- Although this work is not new to K-State, we must aim to make it Signature to K-State
- What unique ways can we connect our work in applied learning to the Strategic Plan?

Open-Ended Discussion

- Emily: What steps do we need to take to communicate with others?
 - Adding our initiative as part of the Strategic Plan webpage
 - Potentially creating space for communication with interested parties- Qualtrics?
 - What parties need to 'bless' our progress and proposed communication
- Emily: Since we now have our vocabulary, our next step needs to include solidifying our process
- Maggie: How can we model existing tags, such as the K-State 8, to track and define existing courses which match our goal?
 - Building early relationships with Kelley Brundage, Registrar
 - We must move quickly to a definition of Applied Learning
- Mary and Kelli: Defining our work- The Big 4
 - Defining Applied Learning- Utilizing Carnegie definitions and expertise from Nate Birkhead

- Mary and Maggie to meet with Nate
- Internships- Expertise of Kerri
- Undergraduate Research- Creating a partnership between OURCI(SDUR) and Chris Culbertson, Dean of Arts and Sciences, former A&S Dean of Research and Graduate Studies
 - Maggie and Beth to meet and discuss meeting with Dean Culbertson
 - Beth to be invited to next week's meeting
 - Kerri to discuss tagging with Registrar
- Service Learning- Utilizing Trish Gott or Kait Long for defining until full-time director is hired
- Education Abroad- Katelin Christianer-Donkers and Brent Holliday to serve as touchpoints
- Defining our Roles
 - Kerri- Main lead on this, contributing to the teams and oversight of progress
 - Emily- behind-the-scenes expert
 - Mary- Inviting contributors, managing external communication
 - Maggie- Misc. including interviewing potential contributors, creating minutes and agendas

Action Steps

1. Begin definition work
2. Identify sites to visit
3. Identify potential interviews