

# PROGRESS REPORT

**Working Group Name:** Community Engagement

**Working Group #:** 7

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**Date:** April 20, 2022

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## **Update on Actions Taken Since Last Report:**

Working group members were polled to prioritize recommendations across the 7 focus areas for Community Engagement planning and presented priorities for feedback:

1. PK-16 -- Serve those not taking the traditional path; Support in-service programs to increase new teacher retention in underserved schools; Catalog and support campus groups already doing PK-16 outreach; Bring local students on campus
2. Continuing education & workforce development -- Provide opportunities for continuing education, including Certificates, CEUs, Post-degree/non-credit; Increase job opportunities for marginalized populations
3. Innovation catalyzation -- Partner with local economic and entrepreneur development programs to create ties to university resources; Community Centered incubators (Non-profit & For-profit); Foster Social Innovation
4. Participatory community research opportunities -- Incentivize faculty to do participatory research by incorporating engagement into faculty metrics; Create internal grant for developing relationships with partners; Improve support and training for faculty and student participatory researchers; Create a community advisory group
5. Community connections, collaboration, and service -- Seed grant program for innovative engagement/service; Sustain working group to build advisory board; Community design studio/center to support community/campus engagement
6. Citizenship & civic engagement -- Scaffolded service requirement for students around citizenship; Coordination for student engagement projects, including staff support; Investigate addition of service distinction to degrees; Revisit and promote/strengthen S designation for service-related classes
7. Framework, metrics, and narrative -- Adopt a formal framework for engagement efforts.

Working group recommended minor changes to community engagement mission and vision.

## **Next Major Issue to be Addressed:**

- Report will be drafted and reviewed by working group.

**Problems or Barriers Encountered and Solutions Identified:**

- None at this time.

**Deliverables Completed:**

- Prioritized draft recommendations and vision.

**Timeline for Completion of Remaining Deliverables:**

- Final report May 15, 2022.