Outreach and Engagement Council
Minutes: Wednesday, June 25, 2014
2:30-4:00 P.M.
Reid 415

Kim Obbink        Diane Dorgan        Jeanne Wilkinson        Suzi Taylor
Kregg Aytes       Becky Mahurin        Phyllis Dennee           Betsy Webb

I. Call to order
II. Approval of Minutes of April 23rd meeting (attached)
    a. Becky motioned to approve, Phyllis seconded – minutes were approved.
III. Information Items
    a. Update on Membership
        - Dean’s Council
          1. Kregg Aytes will continue as the Dean’s Council Representative.
        - Faculty
          1. Christa Merzdorf will start in August
        - Student Success
          1. More information next month.
        - Extension
          1. Cody Stone will start next meeting.
IV. Old Business
    a. O&E Budget – FY15
        - There is $13,200 out of the $35,000 remaining.
        - Out of this money will come $5K for Engaged Scholarship consortium.
        - It was discussed that we would help pay for one member of SCOPE to travel to Engagement Conference.
V. New Business
    a. Brainstorm mini-grant concept and proposal
        - Suzi explained how Mt Girls Stem Collaborative does mini-grants
          1. Positives
              a. Not just passing out money, brings group into larger organization.
              b. Allows MGSC to assist them
              c. Gives opportunity to share best practices with them.
              d. Gives ability to steer them towards engagement rather than outreach & service.
              e. Not meant to be a “end all”. Allows them to make bigger, better more inclusive projects.
          - Brainstormed – some ideas included:
            1. Model like VCU – great success rate with keeping projects going.
            2. Need continuity in giving.
            3. Not sure who money will be given too
               a. Open to students or faculty but require a community member involved?
               b. Open just to faculty – but needs student involvement?
c. Open to just students but need faculty advisor?
4. Need to give narrative that explains what we are looking for.
5. Council would administer but invite others in to evaluate.
   a. Don’t make it too big.
   b. Limit cycles to annual award.
   c. Create a “Engagement Day” for winners and possibly applicants.
   d. $2500/project – ask for either 10K (4 awards) or 15K (6 awards).
      i. Initially no salary paid
      ii. No travel to conferences.
      iii. Possibly ask for in kind.

VI. Next Meeting
   a. Skip July – Sarah will send out information for Fall meetings.