Outreach and Engagement Council  
Minutes: Tuesday, September 9th, 2014

9 – 10:30 A.M  
Reid 415

Kim Obbink        Diane Dorgan        Shelley McKamey        Cody Stone
Kregg Aytes        Kathy Tanner        Carina Beck            Betsy Webb
Becky Mahurin      Christa Merzdorf     Suzi Taylor            Jeanne Wilkinson

I. Call to order
II. Approval of Minutes of June 24th meeting (attached)  
   a. Becky Mahurin motioned to approve, Kregg Aytes seconded; minutes were passed.
III. Information Items  
   a. Introductions, new members, review membership (attached)  
     - Carina Beck will replace Matt Caires  
     - Christa Merzdorf is the new faculty representative  
     - Cody Stone is the new Extension representative
IV. Old Business  
   a. Engagement Scholarship Consortium Conference, Edmonton, October 7-8  
     - SCOPE student representative will attend and present.
   b. Mini-grant concept  
     - Discussed a draft that Kim O. created from notes from last meeting.  
       1. Concern that putting too many restrictions will stifle ideas.  
       2. Christa Merzdorf thought that money might be too low to get quality projects.  
       3. Discussion was had over possibilities of asking other entities to contribute so that we can offer more/bigger awards.  
       4. Need to figure out how faculty will report – possibly through Activity InSight
V. New Business  
   a. APLU Innovation and Economic Prosperity designation – B. Mahurin (via Obbink)  
     - Fairly new  
     - 30 universities have been designated.  
     - Will require 3 month self-survey.  
     - All external parties will be gauged.  
     - May 1st deadline.  
     - Becky Mahurin will be contacting members of the council for assistance.
   b. Outreach Award  
     - Review language  
     - Getting the word out  
       1. Kim asked council to get the word out as much as possible.  
       2. Both staff award and faculty award  
       3. Council will be asked to review nominations when they come in. We may split them up if we get a lot.
   c. Goals for AY 15  
     - Community member – recommendations  
       1. Several recommendations were given for a community member  
     - Planning Council – metrics?
1. Kim asked for volunteers to sit on the planning council. Please contact her if you are willing.
   
   - Events?
     1. Council would like to bring in Engagement speaker.
        a. Would need to secure some kind of funds for this.
        b. May bring in public – which would be nice.
     2. This year Billings will host the state wide service learning conference.
     3. Roadblocks
        a. Policy, lack of policy, etc.
        b. Time – currently you don’t get much credit for doing Engagement
           i. Discussions about recognition for engagement probably needs to be driven by faculty senate.

VI. Next Meeting
   a. Tuesday, October 21st
      9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Reid 415