

CCBP Council Meeting Overview — February 16, 2017

In Attendance: Carol Agomo, Jen Nickelson, Rebecca Allen, Karl Hamner, Holly Morgan, Pamela Foster, Jackie Brodsky, Sebrena Jackson, Vikki Vandiver, Felicia Simpson, Dee Cook, Yun Fu, Rob Morgan, Karyn Bowen, Cameryn Blackmore, Whitney Sewell, Diane Kennedy-Jackson, August Anderson, Judson Russell, Wilamena Dailey (could this be Hopkins?), L.B. Brown, Candace Skelton, Beverly Hawk, Darrin Griffin, George Daniels, Amanda Waller, James McLean, Rick Streiffer, Peter Hlebowitsh, Elizabeth Hartley, Samory Pruitt

Following is an outline of items discussed at the February 16, 2017, CCBP Council meeting.

Additional information is available online at

<http://ccbp.ua.edu/council-on-community-based-partnerships-holds-first-meeting-of-spring-semester-third-of-academic-year/>

Welcome and Highlights

Dr. Peter Hlebowitsh:

Dr. Hlebowitsh opened the meeting

Dr. Vikki Vandiver:

Dr. Vandiver reported on the efforts of the School of Social Work to reach out to the community, including:

- Making placements at the mayor's office
- Embedding social workers with Tuscaloosa's EMS and first responders (a two-year project)
- Partnering with CCHS to do work with the UA/Pickens County Partnership
- Their intent to continue their involvement in the community
- Dr. Vandiver said that 50 percent of the work they do takes place in the classroom, while the other 50 percent is spent in community outreach work and internships. Accordingly, community organizations are the lifeblood of their work.
- School of Social Work students welcome community involvement; it is up to the School to provide the academic structure for that.
- The School of Social Work partners with the CCBP through:
 - Seed funding for students and faculty
 - Graduate fellowships
- These efforts would not be possible without the support of Community-Based Partnership partners.
- With 40 full-time faculty members, 19 full-time staff members and 600 students, the UA School of Social Work is one of the most comprehensive schools of social work in the state.

Dr. Samory Pruitt:

Dr. Pruitt reported that:

- UA has done well to add leadership at the dean's level that has embraced the concept of engaged scholarship.
- The Faculty Activity Report (FAR) has been delayed slightly because UA will be using outside sources to move this project forward.
- The Department of Computer Science is currently working on software for us that will help map engaged scholarship projects from across campus.
 - The software will be called ACCESS (Alabama Centralized Community Engagement Scholarship System)

- We will be able to create projects in real time utilizing this software.
- The Department of Computer Science hopes to have a demo ready to share at our next spring CCBP Council meeting.
- Some of the faculty members who helped with the FAR pilot will be asked to look at where we are soon to make sure we are going in the right direction.
- Anyone with Internet access will be able to view projects and videos.
- Dr. Pam Foster mentioned that a system called PURE is being used on other campuses, such as Tulane University, and that we might be able to look at that as a reference point.

Council on Community-Based Partnerships Updates

Ms. Felicia Simpson:

Ms. Simpson, service grant writer/school partnership coordinator in The College of Education, spoke to the Council on service-grant collaborations.

- The State Department of Education has been pushing the topic of community engagement lately.
- Ms. Simpson is working with the Tuscaloosa County School system with their school improvement grant and is working on bringing several of their teachers into The College of Education to earn their advanced degrees.
- The College of Education is also working with Dr. Karl Hamner to evaluate other after-school programs to capture data and move their own program forward. They are working quickly to try to connect those in education and to help provide resources for them so that they can be certain The College of Education is serving its students across the state.

Dr. Samory Pruitt:

Dr. Pruitt spoke briefly about plans for the upcoming New Faculty Community Engagement Tour.

- The logistics became difficult because of obligations with teaching, etc. There is a small window of time when the semester concludes and the faculty is still under contract to be on campus. That is the time they are working to target.
- These will be daylong tours over the course of three days and will be organized by Dr. Pruitt.
- Three stops each day will probably be standard due to drive time.
- The focus will be on hubs such as Tuscaloosa, Hale, and Green Counties. Then Selma and Marengo and Perry Counties. Then Pickens and include Sumter or another county, just as some examples of some tours that might take place to help get faculty members engaged in these communities.
- He will keep everyone updated as plans are fleshed out.

CCBP Council Committee Updates

Dr. Jen Nickelson – Academic Conference and Presentation Support Committee Chair

Dr. Nickelson talked about the Academic Conference and Presentation Support Committee activities.

- Applications for travel funds and poster presentations have been received.
- Everyone who applied should be notified by March 10.

Dr. Rebecca Allen – Faculty Teaching and Research Support Committee Chair

Dr. Allen gave a brief update on the Teaching and Faculty Support Committee, notifying the Council that:

- Their committee received their graduate student applications.

- They will meet shortly to rate those applications and will have recommendations submitted by March 1.

Dr. George Daniels – Excellence in Community Engagement Recognition Committee Chair

- Dr. Daniels' committee met for the first time Monday, February 6.
- Committee members are looking at ways to improve the annual CCBP Awards Luncheon and to emphasize to students the importance of attending the luncheon and not just presenting a poster.
- Committee members hope to have some innovative ways to present engaged scholarship work that is being done on campus as well.
- Their next meeting will be **Thursday**, February 23.

Center for Community-Based Partnerships Updates

Dr. Beverly Hawk:

Dr. Hawk spoke to the Council on Fulbright Scholarship, reporting that:

- We have applicants studying in the UK, Poland, and Zambia
- We have four people serving as English Teaching Assistants in Russia, Poland, South Korea, and Germany.
- The University of Alabama has 18 students who were chosen to be potential Fulbright Scholars for the upcoming year. Dr. Hawk provided a handout containing information about UA's prospective Fulbright Scholars.

Dr. Jim McLean:

Dr. McLean provided an update on the Grants & Sustainability Workshops.

- The final coaching session for 2016–2017 will take place **March 7**.
- Dr. McLean is in the process of collecting information from the 10 teams who are taking part in the workshops.
- The second round of workshops will begin next fall before classes begin. A handout providing pertinent information was distributed to those present.
- The first two days of seminars will be on acquiring government grants and then approving corporate grants.
- The workshops will accept up to eight teams, as well as some individuals who want to apply if space remains, for a total of 50 people.
- This series of workshops will continue to feature David G. Bauer.
- For further information regarding this series of workshops, please contact Dr. Jim McLean.

Engagement Scholarship in Action

Dr. Rick Streiffer:

Dr. Streiffer, Dean of the College of Community Health Sciences, spoke to the Council regarding the UA/Pickens County Health Care Teaching Partnership.

- The partnership was created following a time approximately three years ago, when a crisis began in Pickens County as it appeared that financial difficulties might lead to the closure of the county hospital.
- Doctors worried about what would happen to the county if the hospital closed.

- Because of medical student placements, CCHS already had relationships with people in that area.
- Conversations began with CCHS and they identified that the resource we could offer them as a University was the use of our UA brand and the use of students to help change the dynamic of what was happening in the community.
- From this conversation, the idea came to partner students with the local people/agencies/local legislators etc. and they received funding to move forward.
- They had a person placed in the hospital, and also envisioned students addressing community needs that somehow related to health, and thirdly they helped to develop a workforce of young and enthusiastic people.
 - These students are recent UA graduates who are doing a gap year before moving on to the next stage of their education.
 - CCHS awarded 8 faculty projects this past year, including:
 - Development of a rural family medical program
 - Improving access to cardiac rehabilitation services
 - Bringing healthy food options and ease of preparation home
 - The Alabama Literacy Project.
 - They began this project by doing a community needs assessment and identified three categories of needs: education, transportation, and resources.
 - To address resources they created a resource guide that is also accessible online for residents of the county. 500 printed copies of this guide were distributed to community organizers.
 - Following the community needs assessment, the idea of community gardens was born to help stimulate the lack of healthy food options within the county, which is considered a food desert.
 - Community members work in the gardens and learn how to help them grow.
 - When the gardens have grown, community members will learn about giving back to the community through donation to the food pantry, etc.
 - UA members of the project are working with six elementary school classes to address topics within the CDC's Comprehensive Health Education Standards, to help expand health knowledge within the schools.
 - They are conducting cooking and nutrition courses after school to teach children how what you eat can affect your health. This is aimed at lowering the prevalence of chronic disease.
 - The group has also tasked themselves with doing health screenings to reach as many children as they can in Pickens County. They have already completed K–6 grades, and next week they will begin working with high school students.

Dr. Darrin Griffin:

Dr. Darrin Griffin, assistant professor of communication studies, spoke to the Council about partnerships with the AIDB (Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind):

- There is a large disconnect between the deaf community and The University of Alabama and he has been working to bridge this gap within our state.

- He will be teaching a class on deaf culture at UA during the fall semester.
- There is not a lot of opportunity at The University of Alabama to help deaf students achieve the level of education they deserve to achieve.
- He is currently working with NOAA on helping with tornado warnings within Alabama for deaf people.
- He encouraged those present to think about how they can do what they do and help involve him to see how we can all work together for the betterment of the deaf community moving forward.

The next CCBP Council meeting will take place Thursday, April 6, 2017 at 11:30 a.m. – Bryant Conference Center, Birmingham Room.

The Annual CCBP Awards Luncheon will take place Friday, April 14, 2017, with poster presentations at 10:00 a.m. and the luncheon at 11:30 a.m. in the Bryant Conference Center, Sellers Auditorium.

Meeting was adjourned. at 1:00 p.m.