

Stewardship Council Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2010

2:00 pm – 4:15 pm

Mitchell Center, University of Maine

Attendees: David Hart, Ruth Hallsworth, Laura Lindenfeld, John Peckenham, Shaleen Jain, Brenda Zollitsch.
Excused: Kathleen Bell.

Draft Governance Documents

Brenda Z. presented initial draft governance documents for comment. Group approved of format. SC will have planning retreat to review these documents and other governance issues in depth in January. Brenda Z. will find out if there is a precedent for University of Maine legal council to review these governance documents.

All Team Meetings

Next SSI All Team meetings will be held November 22 and December 6th. The plan is to continue with this week's meeting format (integration presentations and conversations). Laura will send out electronic invites to potential presenters.

Research Council Meetings

Next SSI Research Council meetings will be held November 1 and November 29.

Potential agenda items for the November 1st RC meeting are review and revision of general list of RC tasks, as well as funding discussion about support for current students and post-docs v. expansion of hiring of graduate students and post-docs. What are our priorities for SSI money we do have?

Potential agenda for November 29th includes prioritization of RC task list and discussion about project outcomes/ performance metrics.

Opportunity for SSI Team Members to Meet with Cathy Renault

Cathy Renault will be on campus Thursday, October 28th. SSI Team will have opportunity to meet with her from 3-4 pm on campus in Room 105 Norman Smith Hall at the Mitchell Center. Examples of projects to highlight (re: economic development) include SSI's tidal energy and offshore wind projects.

Spring SSI Course Planning

CED has approved running a Spring 2011 SSI Course. The course title is currently "Readings in Sustainability Science". Brenda Z. has asked CED to plan for similar course offerings for Fall 2011 and Spring 2012 semesters.

Suggestion: Have Spring 2011 course focus on communicating science (including on-camera time and having students present about their research). Currently listed with CED on Tuesdays from 2:30 -4:30 pm + an online component (TBD). Laura will discuss Culture and Curriculum Committee at 10/19 meeting.

Grant Review Process

SSI Integration Grant proposal review process is virtually complete. Announcements should be out to the team this week. SSP Grant review process is complete.

Culture and Curriculum Committee

Aram Calhoun and Linda Silka will now be co-chairing the CCC. Brenda Z. has asked Aram to work with the committee to complete the committee planning grid. Laura L. will be at the meeting tomorrow.

IGERT Planning Process

Brenda Z. will contact Linda Silka for an update on IGERT planning.

Graduate Student Recruitment Committee

SC formally approves the initial four graduate student allocations (allocated to 2 teams without graduate students and 2 new faculty members). David H. will contact Mac Hunter to discuss whether or not to move forward with review of the additional 1-2 graduate student positions.

Watershed Modeler Position

Interviews are in process. Will be completed in next two weeks.

Arranging Meeting with Hemant

David H. will invite Hemant to join SC for lunch during finals week (December 13th). Additional question: How does he incentivize?

EPSCoR Conference

- Tom Baerwald and Amber Story may want more time to present. David H. contacting Kathleen B. to clarify requests for more time. Brenda Z. will work with Vicki N. to determine timing changes. One way to add more time for speakers is to change lunch from 75 minutes to 60 minutes.
- Edits to the Agenda: Correct typos on conference agenda (ex. “CMaine” on letterhead, Teresa Johnson). Make logos same size.
- 3:00-3:30 pm session – New title: “Breakout: Integrative Workshops to Build Collaborative SSI/SSP Partnerships” Small groups will be based on findings from Colleen Budzinski’s SSP survey findings. May want to make this session longer for more in-depth discussion (ex. water resources, pest management, K-A).

Topics for Conversation with Vicki at Next SC Meeting

Review of EPSCoR Conference plans. How do we manage SSP support needs? Including conducting SSP grant review, supporting EPSCoR Conference. Brainstorm ideas on how to support SSI/SSP connections.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.