

Stewardship Council Minutes

Maine's Sustainability Solutions Initiative

November 1, 2010

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Mitchell Center, University of Maine, Orono, Maine

Follow-up on Research Council Meeting

RC met this morning and decided to put a hold on allocating any additional graduate research assistantships and post-doc positions until after January 1, 2011.

Actions:

- There has been a suggestion by some of the faculty that the RC meet more frequently (2x/mo) in the beginning. This would not be possible until after the semester begins. Will discuss with RC group.
- May want to consider 2-day retreat to work on integration issues with the whole group. Need to start working as a group to define integration; whether we are continuing with a portfolio approach or all working on the same projects.

All Team Meeting Plans

Next All Team Meetings are 11/22 and 12/6

Actions:

- Chris and Rob will be presenting on 11/22; Charlie will be presenting on 12/6
- Short presentations by those who received integration awards at the next All Team Meeting

Metrics

John P. presented a model of the various levels of metrics that SSI needs to consider.

Actions:

- John P. is working on developing a set of metrics for the RC to use for their next planning session.
- A copy of draft metrics will be sent out to RC for their quick turnaround prior to submitting to NSF for the reverse site visit follow-up document.

EPSCoR Conference

Almost all conference preparations are done.

Actions:

- Posters are mostly in; Brenda Z. and Carol H. working to get the final ones printed.
- Brenda Z. and David H. will send an email to the RC members asking them to encourage their team members to attend; especially during the 2:40-3:30 pm session.

SSP Coordinator

Vicki N. and Mike E. are looking to possibly hire an SSP Coordinator.

Actions:

- While this is being discussed, John P. will join in SSP site visits

External Evaluators Visiting

- Two external evaluators will be onsite next week conducting interviews

Integration Grants

Four SSI integration grants were recently awarded.

Actions:

- Brief descriptions of the four awards will be included in the upcoming issue of DoSSler

Recent Special Guest Visits

Ostrom visit was a success. David was able to spend additional time with Ostrom on flight. SSI faculty also met with Kathy Renault and made connections around economic development issues.

Actions:

- Renault is studying entrepreneurial faculty. Kathleen will ask Linda to contact her for information about her research on framing.
- SSI needs more resources for economic development work; need to discuss with Mike E. and Vicki N.

Meeting with Hemant

The SC will meet with Hemant in December.

Actions:

- Brenda Z. will bring to the next SC meeting the list of questions SC developed for Hemant.

SSI Orientation, Curriculum and Instructor Compensation

Actions:

- Brenda Z. will ask Aram and Linda for information about CCC work
Decisions needed to be made:
 - Whether there will be an orientation for the next set of students
 - Whether there should be a concentration in sustainability science (add to next SC agenda as well); this concentration would have to be voluntary but encouraged for current cohort but could be required for next cohort.
 - When the next CCC meeting is being held (preferably sooner than later).
- A date and time needs to be decided for the Spring 2010 SSI CED course. Laura L. will send out a doodle to students asking their availability.
- The CCC needs to hold a vote (can be electronic) to approve the compensation policy (approve at pay scale recommended by CED for number of credits) before the Fall 2010 course compensation can be approved.

Watershed Modeler Hiring Process

The search process is continuing. An update will be provided at the next SC meeting.