

Faculty Senate Community Engagement Committee (FSCEC)  
2021 - 2022 Annual Report

**Officers/ Co-Chairs:**

*Matthew Martin, 2021 – 2022, PE & Human Performance – SEPS*

*Catherine Thomas, 2021 -2022, Nursing Department – SEPS*

**Secretary:** *Allison Seifert, 2021- 2022 Secretary, PE & Human Performance – SEPS*

**Number of Committee Members:** 30 for academic year. This is an open committee where members are welcome to join and are encouraged to join subcommittees to enhance their active membership and service to the FSCEC and University.

**Number of Full Committee Meetings:** The committee meeting number was increased to seven in an attempt to engage members – the first six meetings were virtual, and the last meeting of year was in person. Subcommittees were charged/encouraged to meet between full committee meetings.

**Purpose of the FSCEC:** to advise the University on and make recommendations regarding the promotion of policies, curricular enhancements, and campus and community events designed to foster Community Engagement.

**Activity During 2021-2022 Academic Year:**

- **Conducted virtual meetings:**

The Co-Chairs conducted the meetings virtually throughout the year on Teams – and held that last meeting in person. There was a total of 7 full committee meetings – higher than the minimal number as called for in the committee bylaws to promote new member engagement. Meeting dates: 10/21, 11/16, 12/8, 1/26, 2/28, 3/28, and 5/9

The focus of the meetings was to continue to disseminate information amongst members and from the Community Engagement Office, to provide an open forum for members who wanted to recruit fellow members for projects (i.e., Davis Educational Grant presented by member to committee) and to support the members in completing community engagement work virtually. Additionally, Collaboratory was presented, as a new tool and database to capture the University's contributions in community engagement. The FSCEC agreed to pursue usage of Collaboratory as a pilot project.

- **Grants and Award committee:** Faculty Community Engagement Grant: Due to a change in funding allocations from the President's office – RFPs for grants for the 2021–2022 academic year was not offered.

The committee was led by Matthew Martin for the 2021 – 2022 academic year. Active members met several times throughout the year – and successfully planned a community engagement recognition event that was held in person on April 22. A total of 25 faculty representing all four schools were recognized for their contributions to community engagement.

- **Policy and Procedure Sub-committee:**

Catherine Thomas served as sub-committee lead for the 2021-2022 academic year. Active members met a number of times and made updates and improvements to the committee webpages as well as completed a detailed review of the definitions of Community Engagement, Service Learning etc. This foundation of work will be continued in the next academic year.

- **Curriculum Subcommittee:**

Laura Minor is the Lead on this sub-committee. This sub-committee develops Community Engagement curriculum for students that addresses issues regarding the Community Engagement minor and CEN 200 course development. The Curriculum Subcommittee members continue to oversee and manage the Community Engagement (CE) academic minor, an interdisciplinary minor that is growing steadily among students. The sub-committee added an elective course to the minor.

- **FSCEC Budget for the 2021-2022 Academic Year:**

Due to the continued challenges of the pandemic, and limited options for community engagement committee and partner events-no budget funds were needed/expended beyond funding from community engagement office to support the recognition event (see below).

- **Summary:** The Faculty Senate Community Engagement Committee remained active throughout a challenging year, and membership remains strong with multiple members using their talents and skills to successfully advance the work of the committee.

Catherine Thomas has completed her time as Co-Chair of the committee at the end of the 2021 -2022. Matthew Martin will continue his second year as co-chair with a newly elected co-chair – Reinaldo Rojas who will serve a two-year term. This approach will allow for smooth leadership transition and continuity for the Committee.

Alison Seifert served as the secretary for the 2021 – 2022 for a 1-year term and was re-elected for a second term.

Respectfully submitted by Catherine Thomas and Matthew Martin Committee Co-Chairs