

Faculty Senate Community Engagement Committee (FSCEC)
2022 - 2023 Annual Report

Officers/ Co-Chairs:

Matthew Martin, 2022 – 2023, PE & Human Performance – SEPS

Reinaldo Rojas, 2022 -2023 Social Work Department – SEPS

Secretary: *Allison Seifert, 2022- 2023 Secretary, PE & Human Performance – SEPS*

Number of Committee Members: 56 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 held seven meetings, all 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 2022-2023 Academic Year:

- **Conducted in person meetings:**

The Co-Chairs conducted the meetings in person throughout the year, all held in Barnard Hall 204. 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: 10/10, 11/7, 12/5, 2/2, 3/1, 4/6, and 4/26.

The focus of the meetings was to continue to disseminate information amongst members and from the center for Community Engagement and Social Research, (CCESR) to provide an open forum for members who wanted to recruit fellow members for and to support the members in completing community engagement work. The FSCEC has continued the usage of Collaboratory to document community engagement work. The staff at the CCESR offered to assist with the usage and Collaboratory.

- **Grants and Award committee:**

Brian Osoba was the subcommittee lead for 2022-2023. The Faculty Community Engagement Grants have been discontinued. All future funding for community engagement projects need to go through the CCESR, under the leadership of Dr. Beth Merenstein. The committee focus was on engaging, collaborating, and recognizing community agencies. The committee organized a successful community partnership luncheon, held on April 14, 2023, in which over 30 agencies were recognized. In the event, community partner agencies were

recognized for the partnership and collaboration with the university. They were able to interact and network with each faculty and with each other.

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

Discussions were held in several meetings to look for ways to incorporate language of community engagement into the promotion and tenure requirements of departments. This we believe will increase the faculty participation in community engagement activities and align with the university's approach to community engagement. This work will continue into the new year, with attempts from members of this committee to attend char meetings and promote this initiative.

- **Curriculum Subcommittee:**

The curriculum subcommittee was eliminated since the FSCEC will no longer be part of the offering and development of community engagement courses.

- **FSCEC Budget for the 2022-2023 Academic Year:**

The university administration has determined that all funding for community engagement goes through the CCESR. No funds were needed/expended beyond the funding from CCESR to support the recognition event held on 4/14 (see above).

- **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.

Matt Martin completed his time as Co-Chair of the committee at the end of the 2022 -2023. Reinaldo Rojas will continue his second year as co-chair with a newly elected co-chair – Allison Seifert who will serve a two-year term. This approach will allow for smooth leadership transition and continuity for the Committee.

Allison Seifert served as the secretary for the 2022 – 2023 for a 1-year term. Eric Dlugolensky (Criminology and Criminal Justice) has been elected as secretary for 1 year term.

Respectfully submitted by Reinaldo Rojas and Matthew Martin, Committee Co-Chairs