Provost’s Council for Engagement

FACULTY COUNCIL

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Mission:
Advance the practice and recognition of engaged scholarship as an integration of university missions of teaching, research, and service

Background:
2016 APLU Innovation & Economic Prosperity University Designation – “economic engagement”

Stakeholder feedback: “Strengthen culture and capacity for engaged scholarship”
Defining University Engagement

Collaboration between universities and their larger communities for the mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge and resources in a context of partnership and reciprocity.

Source: Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching
Distinguishing Characteristics of Engagement

1. Engagement is **scholarly**.
   Both the act of engaging and product of engagement – co-creation of discipline-generated, evidence-based practices and/or experiences

2. Engagement **cuts across the mission of teaching, research and service**.
   Not a separate activity but particular approach to campus-community collaboration

3. Engagement is **reciprocal and mutually beneficial**.
   Mutual planning, implementation and assessment among partners

*Source: Big Ten Academic Alliance*
Our Land-Grant Mission
Provost’s Council for Engagement

Member goals and responsibilities:

• Work as **campus ambassadors and college champions** to identify, promote and grow engaged scholarship for the shared benefit of faculty, students and communities

• **Advise** university leadership on opportunities to better encourage, support and reward engaged scholarship

• Lead institutional and college-level initiatives for **transformative and systemic impact**
## Council Members - Faculty

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2017-18 Activities

- Monthly council member spotlights in SOURCE Campus forums
- Faculty survey/focus groups
- Language in faculty/staff offer letters
- Changes to FSAS
- University Community Engagement Awards
- Spring luncheon → communities of practice
CSU Community Engagement Scholarship Awards

Awarded to a university-community partnership in two categories:

**Distinguished** ($3,000)  
3+ years of sustained impact, achievement and scholarship

**Emerging** ($1,000)  
New initiative with potential for long-term impact

Winners honored at April 11 CSU Celebrate! Awards  
Received 17 nominations representing 7 colleges, TILT and Extension

Spring/Summer  
Submission for National Awards (C. Peter Magrath, ESC Excellence, APLU Innovation & Economic Prosperity)
The scholarship-based model of outreach/engagement stimulates interaction with the community, which produces discipline-generated, evidence-based practices.

Outreach/engagement activities may be integrated into the faculty member’s teaching, research, and/or service effort distribution.

Outreach/engagement activities are not a mandated component of every faculty member’s effort distribution, but are to be included where appropriate to the mission of the faculty member, department, and college.
Engagement in the CSU Faculty Manual

For the activity to be **scholarly**, it must draw upon the academic and professional expertise of the faculty member while contributing to the public good, addressing or responding to real-world problems.

The **standards** for assessing the scholarship of outreach/engagement activities will vary among disciplines and should be specified by each academic unit and incorporated into departmental codes.

Where appropriate and consistent with the academic mission of the department, the department code should define outreach/engagement **expectations** and how those expectations are addressed in the faculty member’s teaching, research, and/or service effort distribution.
For Discussion:

What does engaged scholarship mean, look like in your college/unit?

How is this work unique? What are the implications for how it’s assessed and evaluated?

Is faculty manual language clear, strong enough to encourage and reward the outcomes we are seeking?

• How is it presently being interpreted and applied, if at all?

What do you see as priorities for elevating and supporting this work?