

**UNO STEM Leadership Team Agenda**

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**STEM Leadership Team Minutes**

**Friday, April 10, 2020 10:30 am to 11:30 am**

* Attendees:
  + Christine Cutucache
  + Ashlee Dere
  + Kelly Deuerling
  + Brian Dorn
  + Kelly Gomez Johnson
  + Andy Jacobsen
  + Paula Jakopovic
  + Rachael Jensen
  + Anne Karabon
  + Heather Leas
  + Dena Lund
  + Michael Matthews
  + Chris Moore
  + Connie O’Brien
  + Patrick Rault
  + Traci Reding
  + Dana Richter-Egger
  + Chris Schaben
  + Robert Shuster
  + Harvey Siy
  + Nik Stevenson
  + Scott Tarry
  + Krista Testin
  + Kristin VanWyngaarden
  + Victor Winter
  + Jenna Yentes

**Announcements on Status of Center for 2019-2020 Academic year** (10 mins, CEC)

* + **Awarded a UNO Big Idea -** We were funded for UNO Big ideas.
    - Had lots of help guiding the center through approvals/negotiations.
    - It is really terrific to have UNO invested in things that we are excited about!
    - Want to ensure we do a great job at return on investment.
    - Everyone has been great at donating their time and expertise.
    - **We rely heavily on extramural support to run the Center.** At this time here are the #’s:
      * Awarded (5 grants): $1,323,203
      * Under Review (6 grants): $3,642,940
      * Prospective (now-Aug submissions, 9): $4,236,000
      * Not awarded (2): $2,410,945
      * Note: anything submitted prior to Sept 30 2019 isn’t counted above
      * Kudos & special thanks to those who have submitted, or are in the process of submitting grants via the Center (in no particular order): Drs. Reding, Johnson, Moore, Dorn, Tapprich, Stevenson, Buzzell, Hein, Matthews, McGlamery, Brusky, Nero, Ewald, Dierberger, Love, Majumbder, Boocker, Edwards, Pelton, Conrad, Richter-Egger, Deuerling, Dere, Grandgenett, Rault, Schuetzler, Wiggins, Hall, Friend, Hale, others?
  + First full year of STC (May 30, 2019-May 29, 2020, counting Launch in Sept 2019 as true “launch”)
  + We are changing the targeting ofprogramming to target certain groups for next academic year, e.gs:
    - Grad students – certain populations.
    - Associate professors, etc.
    - More people invited, but not to the exclusion of others
    - Shifting the time to Fridays at 11am in TAC beginning Fall 2020.
    - Include more student-centered programming
  + **Seminar Reminders:** (1 min, BD): April 17th Dr. Couch DBER Speaker

<https://www.unomaha.edu/academic-affairs/stem-trail-center/index.php>

* + **Youth Safety** (Rachael Jensen / Rachael Ceraso)
  + All youth events this summer are cancelled.
  + Only a couple of camps have moved their camps remotely.
  + Parents want online options.
  + If you are taking your events online – let Rachael know.
  + Zoom bombings happening especially at kid events.
  + For your protection and for the kids, it’s good to have that two person supervision.
  + Don’t do anything privately – open it up to the group.
  + Be extremely cautious about taking pictures online or recording
  + Have specific times set for these events.
  + No private chats/times
  + Not all kids are in safe situations at home.
  + Feedback/discussion:
    - Sufficient continuous discussion has necessitated a follow up call the week of April 12, 2020 via zoom for continued brainstorming: **Wed, April 15, 2020, 2pm – please RSVP on STC website to be included.**
      * Core talking points for subsequent meeting:
        + Safety online/virtual platforms
        + Inclusivity of all students
        + Monitoring
  + **IRB/IBC/IACUC** (CCs, 10 mins):See RSS for updates, but basically anything less than cancer therapeutics doesn’t rise to the level of in-person investigations. **Any needs at this time?**
* IRB office, anything with human subject work is to be halted if it requires contact with the exception of e.g. cancer, if it saves their life, etc.
* The regulatory office continues to review protocols upon receipt. Being proactive is strongly recommended.

As a general reminder, you can always ask for a no-cost extension!

* + **Pre-tenure notes** (CEC, 3 mins) (e.g.“pause the clock” & delays in awards)
* Changes to work influence things outside of solely tenure decisions—to include competition on the national stage for grants.
* Reach out with asks for resources to the STC for things like grant writing help, data collection, analysis, or additional resources to help you #keepworking.
  + **Resources for parents of K-12 to add to the website?** (CEC)
* Various agencies are offering programming via one-offs or daily. Send any recommendations to [denalund@Unomaha.edu](mailto:denalund@Unomaha.edu) to add to the website. We’ve already included many links, including those recommended at this meeting.
  + **Feedback on the STEM Center…. Any Needed Messaging?** (All)

What do you still need to know? Have you heard any questions from colleagues?

Do you have any recommendations for further messaging?

**Announcements from the group:**

* + 172 Followers of @UNOSTEMTRAIL as of today!
  + WiSTEMPro2: April 21st from 12 – 1, six representatives from different colleges talking about their DNI efforts and how it looks at the college level. Zoom link for Diversity & Inclusion Panel (via WiSTEM Pro^2): <https://unomaha.zoom.us/j/888802013>

-Connie O’Brien has time available to help with various projects, reach out for tasking

-Tutoring Centers are still open & can be accessed via their websites (i.e. MSLC; Writing; CSLC)

-Andy – OIE: Withdrawals from courses are down

* Upcoming “live” science webinars (Chris Moore)
* Will be doing webinars – Pearson PreK-12
* Chemistry
* Physics is coming out.
* Webinars end of April, beg of May
* Biology – Joe Levine
* Webinar – Phospholipids/molecules
* Next week- all physics
* Modeling sneeze trajectories
* Velocities of forces in sneeze
* Designed as content for students

