



## ALL HANDS SUMMER 2022 MEETING MINUTES

2022-06-28

### Welcome and CEC Updates ([cec.unomaha.edu/contact](https://cec.unomaha.edu/contact))

- UNO Health and Safety office will shut down as of June 30.
  - The initial office was set up to manage the needs during the pandemic. We should continue to follow standard health protocols, e.g., stay home if you are sick, use hand sanitizer/wash your hands often, etc. If you believe you have been exposed to COVID-19 or test positive, please contact the [Douglas County Health Department](#).
- Food policy has gone back to pre-pandemic “normal” – please follow the links below for specifics.
  - Check out the CEC’s [food policy website](#)
  - Check out the CEC’s new [meeting space website](#)
- Ideas for Room 103:
  - 103 is open during building hours for you to share your ideas for possible ways we can use this room. You share new thoughts, show your support for an idea that is already posted, or make comments with a post-it. Please share your thoughts by July 8!
- Durango Days – The CEC will host an information fair for students around the Belltower on Wednesday, August 24.
  - We invite our CEC building partners to participate again this year!
  - Great opportunity to recruit UNO students as interns, volunteers, and program participants
- The Office of Community Engagement (OCE), which is under development, will eventually house all major engagement functions at UNO, including the CEC and the Service Learning Academy.
  - Once established, the OCE will hire a volunteer/civic engagement coordinator who will help organize volunteer needs. We will keep partners posted on this position and future developments.
- Office space application:
  - We are seeking new organizations for office space. View the [website](#).
- Preselected due dates going forward for application cycles for community organizations. The next RFP due dates will be September 2022 and February 2023

### **In-Person and Online Attendee Introductions**

- Everyone can access a list of all our building partners on the CEC [website](#).
- To get individual names and emails from organizations please contact Heike Langdon at [halangdon@unomaha.edu](mailto:halangdon@unomaha.edu)

### **UNO Service Learning Academy Updates ([sla.unomaha.edu](https://sla.unomaha.edu))**

- The SLA team is finally fully staffed and appreciates your patience throughout the process.
- Service Learning Seminar is July 11 - 15. View the event [website](#).
- One of SLA’s priority areas is redlining, with Terri Crawford leading that initiative. View the SLA redlining priority [website](#).

- SLA is excited to highlight a long-term partnership with the UNO Math Department and the [Metropolitan Omaha Educational Consortium \(MOEC\)](#), which will also be presenting at [The Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities \(CUMU\)](#) conference in October.
- Here is a sampling of UNO service learning opportunities this fall that are seeking a community partner – email Olajide Cooper at [ocooper@unomaha.edu](mailto:ocooper@unomaha.edu)
  - Organizational planning
  - Teaching and learning in class are tied to gender politics and the role literature can play.
- General contact: [unosla@unomaha.edu](mailto:unosla@unomaha.edu)

#### UNO Maverick Food Pantry Updates ([website](#))

- Serves UNO students/faculty/staff and College of Saint Mary students
- Moved to Room 106
- Come stop by and check us out. New furniture and changes coming up.
- Will be rebranding with a name that has less stigma attached
- If you have an event with extra food, the Maverick Food Pantry will happily take these items. They announce last-minute food availability to students via social media.
- Contact: [unomavfoodpantry@unomaha.edu](mailto:unomavfoodpantry@unomaha.edu).

#### The UNO Student Service and Leadership Collaborative Updates ([website](#))

- Nonprofit partners can request a UNO student intern through the Collaborative, Interns are paid by The Collaborative and are assigned to a nonprofit organization.
- Contact: Jeffrey Southall II at [jsouthallii@unomaha.edu](mailto:jsouthallii@unomaha.edu)

#### Shameless Self-Promotion

- **WhyArts:**
  - The mission is to provide arts programming to marginalized communities. The program Kids on the Block will resume. The purpose of this is to advocate for those with disabilities by using large puppets in the schools. Puppets are newly designed with a disability matching a volunteer. Volunteers will be paid for their time and services while providing an opportunity to advocate.
- **MOEC:**
  - Recently applied for Omaha to be recognized for the good work happening in housing with a connection between good housing and children's ability to read and learn well in school. The award is the 2022 All-America City Award (ACC) with The National Civic League and the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading.
- **Life Launch Academy:**
  - Focused on youth and after-school programs with art, cooking, emotional, and other types of programming. Geocaching event and fundraiser coming up.
- **Nebraska Writers Collective:**
  - Two new executive directors
  - Louder Than a Bomb just took place.

- Other programs taking place in middle schools and with incarcerated groups.
- **UNO Academic and Career Development Center (ACDC)**
  - Contact them if you are seeking student internships or if you have employment needs with a focus on paid opportunities.
- **Elevate Omaha Inc.**
  - Youth-driven organization that operates within four pillars. Exists to provide opportunities for young people to learn skills and get involved.
- **Urban League of Nebraska**
  - In need of tutors for young people to volunteer as mentors to help youth who have fallen behind in learning areas (especially those post-pandemic).
- **Partnership 4 Kids**
  - P4K's college program now has a new staff member. Janelle will start July 11 to support more than 100 students on UNO's campus through the P4K student scholarships.
  - Looking for new staff and mentors.
  - [AmeriCorps Member – Student Support Specialist](#) (on UNO's Handshake)
  - Other opportunities are on the [P4K website](#) and [Indeed](#).
- **UNO Juvenile Justice Institute**
  - Provide technical, policy, and evaluation for state and local agencies.
  - New Juvenile Justice Certificate Program Link (Deadline extended to July 8th). Learn more on their [website](#).
- **Education Rights Counsel**
  - Nonprofit organizations made up of attorneys.
  - Three programs include representing families for free, training for youth to understand their rights for youth, as well as data collaboration with UNO partners.
- **The Wellbeing Partners**
  - A new program called Parenting Cohort for kids ages 3 to 10. Sign up [online](#) by August 3. Free or a suggested donation. 8-week course.

**Chat Links (links not included above):**

- To review a summary of this meeting and any other building-wide CEC meetings, please visit our [website](#).
- Find a list of all current building partners in the CEC (with office space) on our [website](#).

**CEC Building Partners Seeking UNO College Students as Mentors:**

- Please email Lorraine Street [lstreet@unomaha.edu](mailto:lstreet@unomaha.edu). Lorraine sends out a mass email to students in education majors about mentoring and job opportunities. These students have an interest in teaching experiences like mentoring and other related opportunities.

**Thank you all for attending the Summer All-Hands Meeting. We'll look forward to meeting again in the fall of 2022!**