

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT OMAHA BARBARA WEITZ COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CENTER

CEC INTERNAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA: 2021-1-28

Building Partner Representation: Service Learning Academy – Julie Dierberger (ex-officio); The Collaborative (ex-officio) Kristina Cammarano, Jeffrey Southall II; Urban League of Nebraska – Jeffrey Williams (Outgoing Co-Chair); Coalition Rx – Carey Pomykata (New Co-Chair); Urban Bird and Nature Alliance – Diana Failla; Spirituality, Public Health, and Religious Studies – Curtis Hutt; Civic Nebraska – Kent Day

CEC Staff: Sara Woods, Robyn Loos, Heike Langdon, David Peterson

I. Welcome/Introductions

II. New business

- a. Election of New Co-Chair
 - i. Committee voted and approved Carey Pomykata as the new co-chair for the internal advisory committee
 - ii. Term length is 1 year
- b. Check-in: How is everyone doing? What do you need?
- c. Thinking post-vaccine/COVID: Workspaces, gathering spaces: what do you want to see?
 - i. We are looking at how the building/office spaces will function the campus begins normal operations this fall
 - 1. We would like to get more input from partners about what will make them more comfortable/feel safer working in the building: space design, operations, etc.
 - 2. Internal Advisory Committee is the first step, but we hope to get feedback from partners at the upcoming All-Hands meeting in March
 - ii. The furniture company that was part of the original development of the CEC is building three to four estimates of changes to the space to accommodate spaces for improved safety/distancing
 - **1.** Estimates will depend on the degree of modifications to space(s) (e.g., adding glass vs. reconfiguring the work area).
 - 2. Dave continues to ensure that all changes and ongoing efforts include reviewing and adjusting building ventilation for adequate and safe airflow as we consider changes to spaces, partitions, or adding and moving furniture.
 - iii. Regardless of space changes and vaccines masks will still be required to wear on campus for the foreseeable future
 - iv. Partners expressed the need for ensuring spaces are safe with people returning to work in the building again one option might be to restrict visitors in office areas
 - v. Kristina confirmed that the hope is that 65% of classes will be in person in the fall, with ongoing safety measures put in place such as masking and cleaning of spaces.
 - vi. We are anticipating that we will be able to upgrade the video-conferencing capacity of almost all of the CEC's meeting rooms which will allow for more hybrid meetings
 - 1. We are already holding hybrid events- Dave can assist
- d. New Community Partner RFP this spring
 - i. Community only details to come
 - ii. 30% of space allocation is for UNO and 70% is for community-based organizations.
 - iii. Applications due date are March 26, 2021
 - iv. Community organizations have already expressed interest in CEC in the last few months
- e. Next All Hands
 - i. Sometime during March details to be announced

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- a. Campus response to COVID-19
- b. <u>Campus Strategic Investment Initiative</u>
- c. Strauss construction updates
 - i. Should be done by this summer
- d. Community partners
 - i. Girl Scouts moved out
 - ii. Black Police Officers Association moved out
 - iii. Down Syndrome Alliance of the Midlands will be moving out (around March 1)

IV. Open Mic: issues, questions, etc.

- a. Heard around the building
- b. Items for the next committee meeting?
 - i. We will be sending a Doodle poll for the next meeting to ensure timing works for everyone
- c. Tentative Date: Thursday, April 22, 9 -10 a.m.? (4th Thursday @ 9)

APPENDIX A: SUMMARIZED ZOOM CHAT

- Heike Langdon: I'll be reaching out to everyone soon to see how you and your organizations are doing.
- Julie Dierberger: The SLA is submitting a project to address redlining through interdisciplinary service learning collaborations. If you are interested and have priorities around this, please contact me! <u>jdierberger@unomaha.edu</u>
- Robyn Loos: Here is the link to the strategic investment initiative https://www.unomaha.edu/strategic-planning/strategic-priorities/social-justice-inequality-race-and-class.php
- Robyn Loos: Community partners remember to share your projects with us via this form link: <u>https://unomaha.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6nTGVaSWfqtg0kJ</u>
- Robyn Loos: Here is the FAQ that helps explain more, or contact Heike and me and we can help.
- https://www.unomaha.edu/community-engagement-center/_files/_docs/community-bpo-new-project-faq.pdf
- Curtis Hutt: Religious Studies internships related to interfaith, wellness, and human rights now. Various sources but money are there to help students do unpaid internships email <u>chutt@unomaha.edu</u>