Summary of 2013-2014 Curricular & Co-Curricular Community Engagement Experiences

Purpose

This document is an annual review of curricular and co-curricular community engagement practices across North Dakota State University (NDSU). The Student Activities Office (SAO) uses this data to track the university’s progress toward meeting the land-grant mission of NDSU as well as generate accurate information for research, grants and national recognition of the institution. Additionally, this information is used to assess the impact of community engagement opportunities on student learning as well as grow relationships with community partners in order to address community needs.

Semesters Reported

The information provided below includes courses taught in during in Fall 2013 and Spring 2014. Additionally, co-curricular service experiences include Summer 2013, Fall 2013, and Spring 2014.

Service Categories

Information was divided into two main categories for reporting: curricular service-learning and co-curricular service.

1. Curricular Service-Learning:
   Students partner with community agencies to meet the requirements of the course and the needs of the community. The service is directly related to the learning objectives of the course and involves intentional reflection.

2. Co-Curricular Service: Students voluntarily engage in service opportunities either independently or with student groups (i.e. athletics, student organizations, etc.). This may also include participating in a campus-wide service event (i.e. The Big Event or MLK Service Plunge).

Curricular Service-Learning:

Reporting: All NDSU faculty members were sent an email notification at the end of each semester encouraging them to document any service-learning experiences they may have implemented in their course(s) by filling out a short survey. Faculty were asked to report their name, college, department, course number, number of students enrolled in the course, number of students engaged in service-learning, where they service-learning took place (i.e. what partner agency or site), and total number of hours students spent engaging in service-learning activities.

Results: The following are the results reported from faculty who completed the service-learning survey. Results combine all semesters. Monetary
impact is the amount of money a community agency saves by utilizing volunteers and is based off of the Independent Sector’s 2013 report of North Dakota’s hourly rate ($23.92/hour).

Some community partnerships included (but were not limited to): The Arts Partnership, Salvation Army, Nokomis Childcare Center, Fargo Community Bike Workshop, Riding on Angels’ Wings, Moorhead Juvenile Center, Sanford Health, Essentia Health, 4 Luv of Dog, Rape and Abuse Crisis Center, and Bethany Retirement Living.

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Co-Curricular Service:

**Reporting:** Co-curricular service hours were tracked in two ways: Bison Service Challenge and campus-wide service events.

1. **Bison Service Challenge (BSC):** The BSC is a friendly competition among campus groups including athletic teams, fraternity and sorority life, residence halls, and student organizations. Throughout the year, members in each category compete to complete the most service hours. After a service project, groups submit their hours. Winning teams receive grant money to donate to the nonprofit of their choice.

2. **Campus-wide service events:** The Volunteer Network, a student-led “hub” on campus connecting NDSU students to service opportunities, sponsors campus-wide service events throughout the year including The Big Event and MLK Day Service Plunge. Hours are recorded based on the number of volunteers in attendance and the amount of time spent serving the community.

**Summary of Report**

An estimated 81,676 hours of service occurred during the Summer 2013, Fall 2013, and Spring 2014 semesters. This estimate includes both curricular service-learning hours and co-curricular service hours. Based on the number of hours served, the monetary impact on community agencies (amount saved through volunteer work) was about $1,820,437.58.

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