

**Engagement Leadership Council
Meeting Highlights – In-Person & Virtual
September 9, 2024 (2:00 - 3:15 p.m.)**



Participants: Tom Archibald (CIRED/UCIA), Amy Azano (Center for Rural Education), Diane Deffenbaugh (Office of Engagement), Shelly Jobst (CPE), Meghan Weyrens Kuhn (VT Engage), Elsie Paredes (LCI), John Provo (CECE), Susan Short (Engagement/OIA), Yannis Stivachtis (for Farida Jalalzai (CLAHS), Scott Weimer (Roanoke Initiatives), Ariana Wyatt (CAAD)

Unable to Attend: Brian Bond (CNRE), Kevin Carlson (PCOB), Francisco Carvallo (VetMed, COIA), Victoria Corbin (COS), Catherine Cotrupi (Graduate School), Jes Davis (VT Engage), Guru Ghosh (OIA), Pamela Gilchrist (Innovation Campus), Gerard Lawson (CLAHS – COE), Cathy Sutphin (VCE), Cris Thompson (Office of Engagement)

Welcome/Introductions

Susan Short welcomed the group. Members completed self-introductions and shared a program update.

Tom Archibald – funded USAID India project (higher education disaster resilience)

Amy Azano – Blue Ridge Montañas Festival Celebrates Appalachian & Latino Culture, Music, & Dance in Shenandoah Valley September 28th (Luray), Rural Education Summit will be October 10th and 11th (IVTSCC) – seeking sponsorships

Diane Deffenbaugh – look for the VT Engaged newsletter at the end of the month

Shelly Jobst – successfully completed agreements with the National Reconnaissance Office (delivery of 4 masters programs). Virginia Tech’s Lifelong Learning program is celebrating its 10-year anniversary. Currently there are 350 members selecting between 60 events and courses!

Meghan Weyrens Kuhn – is returning to VT Engage effective October 1st. She has been leading the development of the university's framework for the Sexual Violence Prevention Initiative

Elsie Paredes – shared that 91 students are currently enrolled in LCI programs

John Provo – described an Appalachian Regional Commission funded evaluation project focused on the outdoors

Yannis Stivachtis – shared information regarding expanded K-12 programs in NCR, December 4th event European Union response to election results

Scott Weimer – Recovery Ecosystems: The Journey from Crisis to Community Support conference is scheduled to be held at the Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center September 12-13, 2024

Ariana Wyatt – the Community Design Assistance Center continues to secure successful funding (Dante and St. Paul VA)

Carnegie Foundation 2026 Elective Classification for Community Engagement Updates

Susan provided updates related to the work of the Carnegie classification leadership team. The group is working on developing outlines and narratives related to the sections of the application and are moving forward with the identification of exemplary examples of authentic, mutually beneficial community engagement projects. Engagement Leadership Council members will be asked to review narratives throughout the Fall and early Spring semesters. Ariana provided an update regarding section 6 – focusing on Pathway initiatives and the university's need to identify and define community engaged courses. Diane shared that her group is working with the Provost's Office in order to identify how the university brands "*Ut Prosim*."

Engagement Scholarship Consortium Annual Conference 2024

Susan provided reminders and updates related to the Engagement Scholarship Consortium 2024 conference. The 2024 **annual conference** will be hosted by Oregon State University in Portland, October 9-10, 2024. The early registration deadline is Sunday, September 15th. Standard registration ends Monday, September 30th. Please see additional information related to the annual conference, including pre-conferences, on pages 4 and 5 of this document.

Engagement Scholarship Consortium 2025 – Updates

Susan shared that the 2025 ESC annual conference will be held October 6-10, 2025 at The Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center and Roanoke Higher Education Center. Virginia Tech is serving as the host institution and will be supported by ESC East Region member institutions. The theme for next year's conference is "Bridging Resources to Build Stronger Communities."

Susan announced that the next meeting of the Engagement Leadership Council will be held **December 5, 2024 at 2 p.m.** The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by
Susan E. Short, Associate Vice President for Engagement
September 12, 2024*

ELC: 2024-2025 Academic Year Meeting Dates

September 5, 2024

December 5, 2024

March 20, 2025

June 5, 2025

2024 ESC Communications Toolkit September 4, 2024

The following notes can be used by ESC member institutions to communicate about upcoming opportunities. Notes can be used in newsletters and other communications vehicles as well as adapted for social media.

Additional items will be added to the toolkit as they are finalized.

Early-bird deadline extended for the Engagement Scholarship Consortium Conference

The 2024 Engagement Scholarship Consortium (ESC) Conference will take place Oct. 9-10 in Portland, Oregon. This year's theme is "Pathways to Prosperity: Building Sustainable Futures through Community Engagement." The conference will be a place for engaging conversations about the many ways that we work collaboratively to define and build social and economic prosperity. **The early-bird registration deadline has been extended to Sept. 15.** (ADD UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE NAME) is a member of ESC.

Learn more and register: <https://engagementscholarship.org/meetings/esc-2024/registration>

Engagement Academy for University Leaders Workshop

Engagement leaders face a challenging paradox. On one hand, more and more institutions are prioritizing community-engagement as a core institutional practice. On the other hand, public trust in higher education has hit a new low. This workshop, taking place Oct. 7, will be an interactive session featuring testimonies, readings, and small/large group discussions to address this critical topic facing higher education leaders across the country. This Engagement Academy workshop is a pre-conference option as part of the Engagement Scholarship Consortium's (ESC) 2024 conference in Portland, Oregon. (ADD UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE NAME) is a member of ESC.

Learn more and register: <https://engagementscholarship.org/about/esc-partner-programs/engagement-academy-for-university-leaders/2024-ea>

Outreach and Engagement Practitioners Network (OEPN) Workshop

This workshop, taking place Oct. 8, will provide the opportunity to connect with other outreach and engagement professionals while exploring your boundary-spanning roles in today's higher education landscape. The workshop theme is "Pathways for Change: Advice and Tools from Boundary Spanning Changemakers." This OEPN workshop is a pre-conference option as part of the Engagement Scholarship Consortium's (ESC) 2024 conference in Portland, Oregon. OEPN is a community of practice for university staff, non-tenure-track faculty and community partners. (ADD UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE NAME) is a member of ESC.

Learn more and register: <https://engagementscholarship.org/about/esc-partner-programs/outreach-and-engagement-practitioners-network/2024-oepr>

Pre-College and Youth Programming Workshop

The Pre-College and Youth Programming Workshop will take place during the Engagement Scholarship Consortium's (ESC) pre-conference sessions Oct. 7-8 in Portland, Oregon. The relationship between a university and the community is a coveted part of the college experience. In engaging the Pre-College audience, universities can promote dialogue on the education and preparation of both college and K-12 students. At the Pre-College and Youth Programming Workshop, professionals can expect to discuss new strategies for continuing development of university youth programming with university professionals from across disciplines. (ADD UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE NAME) is a member of ESC.

Learn more and register: <https://precollege.oregonstate.edu/osu-youth-impact-summit>

Transformational Relationship Evaluation Scale (TRES)

Register for the Transformational Relationship Evaluation Scale (TRES) workshop! Taking place on Oct. 8, this workshop is a pre-conference option as part of the Engagement Scholarship Consortium's 2024 conference in Portland, Oregon. During this workshop, which is titled "Seeing the Forest Through the TRES: Exploring Interventions to Deepen Community-Campus Partnerships," an interdisciplinary, interinstitutional team of facilitators will share and engage participants with an expansive body of work connected to TRES (pronounced "trees"), and the research-grounded Reflection Framework that can accompany it. (ADD UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE NAME) is a member of ESC.

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