THEME 2: Scholarly Value of Engagement

Internal Review Committee for Engaged Scholarship initiative launched. This Committee will conduct supplemental reviews of the work of engaged scholars who are being considered for promotion and/or tenure. The Committee will provide a letter for the candidates file; the letter will assess the quality of the candidate’s engaged scholarship, based on a set of national quality standards.

THEME 3: Student Experiences and Development

Community-Engaged Learning considered in redesign of liberal education requirements. The Public Engagement Council submitted a formal request to the campus-wide Liberal Education Redesign Committee to consider the importance of expanding community-engaged learning opportunities for undergraduate students. The Committee is considering the Council's proposal as it considers the next set of liberal education requirements.

THEME 4: Community Connections

Establishment of campus-wide Community Advisory Board for Public Engagement proposed. The Public Engagement Council has proposed the establishment of a campus-wide Community Advisory Board composed of representatives from existing community advisory groups housed within engagement-focused units and centers. A representative from this campus-wide Community Advisory Board will serve as a full member of the Public Engagement Council to give voice to the policy needs of various external stakeholder groups engaged in public engagement activities at the University.

Community Oversight Board brought to Public Engagement Council. The Community Oversight Board is an external oversight group focused on ensuring the protection of human subjects on matters pertaining to the University’s research activities. Beginning in the 2018-2019 academic year, a member of the Oversight Board will serve as a voting member of the University’s Public Engagement Council, allowing for a greater flow of information, data, and policy development between the Oversight Board and Public Engagement Council on issues pertaining to community-partnered research.
THEME 8: Accounting and Assessment

Establishment of Community-Engaged Scholar Directory. An on-line directory of more than 300 community-engaged scholars is live and open to all to identify scholars across the system who conduct community-engaged work. Those using the directory can search for scholars by college. A function to be able to search by issue area or topic is currently being integrated into the directory. Please forward the names of scholars to add to the directory.

Metrics framework for measuring publicly-engaged scholarship developed. This framework allows us to develop dashboards on engagement activities within colleges and across the University. These dashboards have been presented to the deans during my individual meetings with them. The deans have welcomed these data and they have provided input on additional information and data they would like to see.