

NNER Governing Council Meeting
March 1, 2013 (9:00-12:00 noon) -- Orlando, Florida

Settings Present: Wright State, Miami University (Ohio), CUNY, Nebraska, New Mexico, Montclair State (FTF and electronic), Colorado State, Connecticut, Metropolitan St. Louis, UT Arlington, Wyoming (electronic), South Carolina/Winthrop, A&S tripartite chair electronically, School tripartite chair, Audrey Allan, Education tripartite chair, Vi Florez

Sequence #1: 2013 Conference – New Mexico

- Vi Florez presented an overview of the 2013 conference planning process
- Conference dates are October 10-12, 2013
- Focus on Community Engagement is the broad focus; “Community Engagement to Enhance Student Learning” (with 4 supporting strands).
 - Significant community involvement in the planning work
 - Conference Website to become “live” in early March (next week)
 - Proposals will be due May 4, 2013
 - Presenters for accepted proposals notified by mid-July
 - Settings are encouraged to use one of their “free” registrations to bring a community partner/member
 - Pre-registration is \$300; Late / General registration will be \$325
 - A goal for presentation sessions is to create more opportunities for conversations
 - A promotional card was displayed/distributed
 - Planning Team is working to create a significant opportunity for conference attendees to attend the “balloon festival.”
 - Local Fund raising efforts have met with some success. . . working to create opportunities for a high level of community participation

Sequence #2: 2012 Annual Conference Debriefing

- Co-Executive Directors presented an overview of the results of the 2012 conference
- The conference generated a \$10,000-\$11,000 “profit” for the NNER
 - A reminder: The goal for the national conference is to provide a marvelous opportunity for interaction; not to make money. Ideally, the conference will break even. Turning a profit is appreciated in particular with the quality conference venue and sessions.
- Conference hosts (Colorado State, Wyoming, and Nebraska settings) stressed that hosting the conference created an opportunity for expanding participation in the conference and also created some momentum within the host settings.

Sequence #3: 2014 Annual Conference—Good News!

- The University of South Carolina setting has tentatively volunteered to host the 2014 NNER Annual Conference

Sequence #4: 2013 Budget Approval

- * The proposed 2013 budget was reviewed
- * The proposed base budget is for \$107,000
 - This is a reduction from last year's base budget of \$120,000
 - The reduced budget reflects actual 2012 costs.
 - The reduced budget also reflects the loss of revenue associated with the loss/probably loss of two settings; Southern Maine and Brandon University (Canada) has asked for a leave of absence for 2013.

Motion by Hausfather (Kehrhahn) to approve the 2013 budget. Approved unanimously.

Sequence #5: Discussion of Reserve Budget

- * For several years, the NNER has maintained a reserve budget that exceeds \$300,000
- * At the previous GC meeting (Denver in October, 2012), the GC discussed the need for maintaining such a large reserve budget. The outcome was a general feeling that spending a portion of the reserve fund would be acceptable.
- * The proposal is to allocate a portion of the reserves, in calendar years 2013, 2014, and 2015 to support the following two setting-based initiatives:

Proposal #1: Local Setting Renewal Activities

- Proposal to set aside \$12,000 per year for the next three years (2013-2014-2015) to fund “local setting” renewal initiatives.
 - “To support local setting activities aimed at renewing the setting’s structures and partnering activities.”
 - Maximum funding for individual proposals is \$4,000 – Fund proposals up to the maximum \$12,000 per year.

Proposal #2 --Leadership and Setting Development Grants

- Proposal put forth from the Executive Board to set aside \$12,000 per year for the next three years (2013-2014-2015) to fund “local setting” renewal initiatives.
 - “Fund projects that support network work, advance collaboration, and encourage potential new settings to join in our work.”
 - Maximum funding for individual proposals is \$4,000 – Fund proposals up to the maximum \$12,000 per year.
 - Cross-setting proposals are encouraged.
- * Motion by Harris (Kehrhahn) to accept both proposed reserved budget expenditures. Passed unanimously.

Sequence #6: Groundspark Collaboration Grant

- Groundspark received a grant to fund a pilot project with one NNER setting
 - Grant provides an opportunity for up to 40 individuals from to participate in a professional development workshop delivered by Groundspark; “Respect for All” Curriculum
 - Focus generally would be to provide training for teachers in grades 4-12 and teacher educators to ensure that awareness and strategies for breaking the cycle of bullying and bias in schools.
 - Competitive application process for settings to be disseminated in the near future.

Motion by Michelli (Kehrhahn) to accept this collaboration opportunity – including the stipulation that the NNER will allocate up to \$3,000 of reserve funds to the chosen pilot setting to support costs borne by the local setting. (i.e. – setting might identify a local coordinator for this project). Motion carried unanimously

Sequence #7: Applications for New Host Setting/Executive Director

- Reviewed the history of the process and decisions made that produced the current circumstance (one host setting/executive director combined application and one executive director application)
- Generation of key issues:
 - Commitment to keeping the NNER moving forward?
 - Commitment to embracing forward looking ideas and strategies?
 - Wondering if the scores reported for each proposal were of merit of if we might be comparing apples to oranges?
 - Recognition that the two applications put forth differing leadership models -- a co-director model versus a single executive director model. Should this be something that is studied in the future?
 - Commitment to clarifying what will the length of term be? It is broadly set at 3-5 years? What evaluative steps/processes should be implemented? Should the NNER set more specific parameters –such as a 5 year term that could be renewed by an application/selection process?
 - Commitment to the NNER assuming a more public stance regarding issues of interest? How could the NNER, for example, respond to the Common Core?

Motion by Michelli (Rakestraw) to accept the Wright State Proposal with the initial term of commitment to be negotiated. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sequence #8: NNER Journal

- The 2012 NNER Journal will be coming out in the next three weeks—by March 15.

- Winthrop University (South Carolina) will be responsible for the 2013 edition of the NNER Journal.

Sequence #9: The NNER and CAEP

- A new iteration of the CAEP standards was released; Michelli presented and discussed his personal analysis / response:
 - It lacks the expectation that Units create a conceptual framework.
 - It lacks a “soul.”
 - It sets the stage for expanding educator preparation programs to be offered/delivered by entities other than colleges/universities
 - The standards are poised to establish an accountability system that is solely based on a TPA model that diminishes/removes local input into candidate performance
 - No mention of dispositions
 - Focus on content knowledge, pedagogical knowledge, and impact on student performance
 - There is zero mention of the role of Arts and Sciences in educator preparation
 - The proposal establishes a GOLD TIER of performance that is beyond meeting full accreditation guidelines.
- OVERALL MICHELLI EVALUATION. I will NOT support these standards as written.
- The deadline for feedback is late March.
 - Does the NNER wish to make a collective response?
 - Each setting/individuals within settings are encouraged to share their feedback.

Sequence #10: Proposed NNER Leadership Activities (facilitated by Lemuel Watson—one of the co-authors of the vision with Francine Peterman and Tom Bellamy)

- Reviewed a draft of two proposed activities that would provide a mechanism for meeting the need for leadership development and support within the NNER.
- The co-executive directors will continue/extend the conversation by disseminating and seeking feedback regarding the proposal from current and
- Motion Robinson (Hausfather) that the creators of this draft move forward with creating
- Future discussions by the Executive Board and the Governing Council will happen.

Sequence #11: 2013 Summer Symposium

- The Registration fee will be lowered to \$650 (per participant) for the Symposium to offset the increase in hotel costs.
- The dates have been set – July 22-25, 2013

Sequence #12: 2013 Directory of NNER Setting Contacts

- Settings are encouraged to review the current draft of the Directory and provide any additional edits.

Meeting Adjourned 12:00 noon.