

NNER Governing Council Meeting
October 23, 2014 (1:15-3:15 PM) – Cincinnati, Ohio
AGENDA

Audrey tell about the Heal Up book

Settings Present: Larry Johnson, John Smith, Charlotte Harris, Audrey Kleinsasser, Dennis Potthoff, Jean Eagle, Rene Roselle, Jen Robinson, Leslie Wilson, Ann Shulte, Greg Bernhardt, Ann Foster, Lisa Johnson, Audrey Allen, Vi Florez, Nick Michelli, Carol Hall-Whittier, Catherine Bear, Jim Tomlin, Deb Garrity
Guests: Wayne Reed, Angela Jaime, Kevin Roxas,
Settings Absent: UTEP, U Washington, MPER,

Sequence #1: Welcome from the Ohio Collaborative Setting

- Greetings from the Conference co-hosts extended by Charlotte Harris (Wright State Partnership representative)

Sequence #2: Welcome to a New NNER Affiliate Setting – University of Cincinnati Partnership

- Welcome! Comments by Dean Larry Johnson UC provided background on the multi-dimensional partnerships in which they are engaged.

Sequence #3: Summary of the Tripartite Council Meeting (Part I) -- New Member Recruitment Initiative

- **Essence Statement Review**
 - Executive Board Members Audrey Allan and Dennis Potthoff introduced the process and purpose of developing a NNER essence statement and tagline; the broad goal for the essence statement and related tagline is to make the NNER mission more accessible to a wider group without compromising the essence of the NNER Agenda/Mission.
 - Governing Council members worked in pairs to review three “finalist” essence statements. These three statements were culled from a list of six statements prioritized earlier in the day by members of the Tripartite Council. Discussion ensued.
 - There was agreement that brevity is important AND the statement has to be clear about what is unique about the NNER.
 - Members of the Governing Council were asked to talk to a few people that are not in the NNER, not familiar with our work and see what resonates with them, what questions they have, or other comments and return those ideas to the co-executive directors in a timely fashion.
- **Tagline Review**
 - Governing Council members reviewed the list of 32 proposed taglines that were previously brainstormed and ranked by members of the NNER Executive Board.
 - Governing Council members shared the taglines they liked best.

- Governing Council members agreed that the selection of the tagline should be completed after the ESSENCE Statement is determined
 - It is important for the tagline to align with the Essence Statement.

Sequence #4: Tripartite Council Meeting Summary (Part II) – Future NNER conferences Update – 2015, 2016, and Beyond

- **2015.** There is not a volunteer setting for hosting the 2015 conference; most settings have hosted at least once or have co-hosted. We need to look at an option for 2015 and into the future.
 - The University of California Chico Partnership setting agreed to discuss possible hosting of the 2015 Annual Conference.
- **2016.** The University of Texas Arlington Partnership Setting has agreed to host the 2016 NNER Annual Conference.
- **2017 and Beyond.** Recommendations/Insights regarding future NNER Annual Conferences
 - Option #1: Discussion of “Moving” the Annual Conference (at least for some years) to a more accessible/desirable locale
 - The NNER New Member Growth Initiative, a plan to significantly and systematically increase the number of settings, might be enhanced by the selection of a neutral site that is easily accessible and motivating.
 - Report from the P12 component of the Tripartite Council
 - Looking at a desirable site is attractive to P-12 colleagues.
 - Local regional sessions were very helpful to them and would bring teachers together.
 - More desirable sites are usually less expensive and easier to get to and from.
 - Discussion by the Governing Council
 - Pros and cons of NOT having a conference every year ensued
 - CON. Not having a conference annually might result in a lack of momentum.
 - PRO. Without a volunteer host setting, it might be difficult to pull off the conference every year.
 - Would members of the Executive Board be most responsible for the planning/delivery of the Conference?
 - It was noted that hiring a conference planner would also be a possible option
 - The GC informally expressed conceptual support for moving to a neutral attractive setting—at least in some years.

Sequence #5: Equity Task Force Proposal

- Proposed Changes to NNER practices and policies were brought from by the Equity Task Force (See attached document)

- Equity Task Force Member Wayne Reed presented the work being done by the renewed Equity Task Force. The recommendations were shared/reviewed
- There is an initial task force that worked on extending the dialogue at the annual conference and locally. There will be an organizational meeting at the conference.
- Proposed Change to the NNER Bylaws:
 - Revise language for Bylaws: “The Governing Council could elect to have the chairs of other ongoing NNER initiatives serve on the GC.”
 - A sub-committee will review the NNER by-laws to clarify the precise steps needed to add a new member(s) to the Governing Council
 - Conceptual agreement that the NNER bylaws can be changed to add the Equity and Social Justice Committee. Language that will be more inclusive to accommodate the possibility of new committees will be used.
 - Michelli moved (Second by Robinson) to designate the Equity Task Force as a standing committee and to add a voting member of this new standing committee to Governing Council. The Motion passed unanimously.

Sequence #6: Budget

- 2014 Annual Budget Update/Review
 - The budget is in solid standing.
- 2014 NNER Summer Symposium
 - The symposium netted \$1800.
- 2015 Annual Budget
 - Motion to accept the 2015 Budget (Charlotte Harris, Vi Florez). Motion passed unanimously
- Report on Status of Mini-Grant Funds
 - The \$30,000 in mini-grant funds allocated for 2013-2014-2015 from the NNER reserve account have been awarded. It is anticipated that all expenses will be incurred by the end of 2015.
- Proposed/Projected Additional Expenses for 2015 – TBD
 - New Member Recruitment Initiative
 - Expect a proposed budget request sometime in 2015
 - Potential need for creating a line item budget in future years was discussed.
 - Reserve funds would be used
 - Influencing Policy Project
 - Nick Michelli briefly outlined costs associated with conducting a survey of NNER settings relative to Influencing Policy
 - Motion Michelli/Bear to Approve this request passed unanimously.
 - Mini-Grants Proposal
 - Discussion of the potential for renewing the mini-grant funds for 2016 and beyond will occur.

Sequence #7: Discussion of 2015 Summer Symposium (Special Handout)

- The Wyoming Partnership will host the Symposium
- Symposium Dates are June 26-29 (Friday-Monday)
- All settings are encouraged to consider sending individuals

- More specific details will be forthcoming

Sequence #8: NNER Journal Updates 2014 and Beyond

- With leadership from Josie Tinajero, UTEP hosted the 2014 journal editorial process. The Governing Council noted that the journal included excellent articles and was done in a timely manner and the submission process was professional and transparent.
- UCONN will edit the journal for three years beginning with the 2015 edition. René Roselle will be the editor. The information will be updated on the web page and requests for editorial board members and reviewers will be sent out.

Sequence #9: School Climate Survey request

- Jon Cohen asked that school principals complete an online school climate survey. The information will be sent to setting contacts with a request to forward to partner school principals.

Sequence #10: Reminder – Next GC Meeting – Atlanta, GA (Feb 28 or March 1 TB confirmed)

- The Governing Council will meet at the AACTE conference and the date and time will be sent as soon as we get confirmation from the AACTE office.

Sequence #11: Announcements to Share