

## Proposed Workgroups

### **RESEARCH**

Define engaged learning for ESU community; create message to convey this definition to ESU community, including students.

Search literature for:

- successful engaged learning practices at similar institutions
- predictors showing impact of different student experiences on retention and success
- faculty/student research support models
- expectations of employers, etc.

### **LINKING CO-CURRICULAR TO CLASSROOM**

Transform discourse on campus; creating structures for collaboration for faculty and staff to deliberately link what is happening in the classroom setting to what is happening outside the classroom in co-curricular settings (such as student organizations and service projects).

### **UNIVERSITY PROJECT / THEME FOR ACADEMIC YEAR**

Adopt a theme/project upon which academic year activities will focus. This theme/project will be adopted by both faculty and staff working with students at all levels and in all programs to create a common connection on campus. This may include such things as curriculum infusion, special programs, and theme identified for inclusion within other events or projects held at ESU.

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR TEACHING**

Provide deliberate, focused professional development for teaching incorporating pedagogies which engage students in active learning.

Recognize teaching excellence in a meaningful way.

Provide mechanisms for faculty mentoring and sharing of teaching strategies and methodologies, particularly in interdisciplinary collaborations and techniques to increase engagement in large classroom settings.

### **ANNUAL ESU CONFERENCE**

Develop an Annual ESU Conference featuring student presentations demonstrating the ways in which students are engaged in learning within their program. This may include the development a structure by which sophomore presentations are targeted for new freshmen as the audience and senior presentations are targeted for juniors as the audience. This may also include a competitive framework similar to a sports event.

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The following key concepts should be present in the work of all workgroups:

- Innovation
- Cross-discipline collaboration
- Diversity
- Technology use