

Task Force Summer Report 2015 Catholic-Inspired Community Engagement

How often and for how long did your group meet over the summer? Was this adequate for the work you needed to do?

We met twice for half-day sessions. This was adequate to direct our work over the summer. The five sub-groups also met regularly throughout the summer.

How much work were individual task force members responsible for between meetings? What did/will the group accomplish this summer?

We set out the mission and focus of our committee*. This set the tone for our work. We identified stakeholders and began doing the foundational work of our committee.

*The draft of our vision statement is "To creatively and collaboratively explore practical and innovative means for authentically engaging (TBD) in an ethical and positive fashion, spanning a broad spectrum of culture at home and abroad."

What are your goals for Fall 2015?

GOALS

1. Continue collection of data from stakeholders based on five subgroups: Faith-Based, Business/Social Entrepreneurship, Public Sector, Non-Profits and UST Benchmarks.
2. Begin to analyze data collected to identify principles of engagement, potential models and best practices.
3. Design "Summit of Ideas" to engage community experts and explore best big ideas.
4. Review different models for campus community service opportunities.

MEASUREMENTS

1. Compile all information from stakeholders.
2. Identify themes and best practices from collected data.
3. Summit of Ideas completed.
4. Review different models for campus community service opportunities.

What are your goals for Spring 2016?

GOAL:

1. Complete goals and recommendations based on collection of data, best practices and big ideas.

MEASUREMENT:

1. Final report and recommendations.

Are there any resources your group feels you need to continue efficiently with your work?

Not at this time.

Do you plan on any meetings or Brown Bags with the UST community this Fall and/or academic year?

Possibly. It is critical that we have open communication with the internal stakeholders at St. Thomas.

What other task force(s) do you feel it is important that you collaborate with going forward?

Global Connections; Diversity; Flexible Pathways