

USF LEARN & SERVE AMERICA: YEAR 1

FACULTY SEMINAR

- Highlights: Blackboard site, day of service, homework assignments, final celebration
- Participants: 7 educators including University Life staff + Associate Dean
- New/modified courses: Gender and Politics (Politics), Contemporary Moral Problems (Theology & Religious Studies), Social Problems (Sociology), Multicultural Education (Education), Feminist Christian Theology (Theology), Community Engagement (Politics), Spiritual Formation & Leadership (University Life)

ADVOCATES FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (ACE)

- 2 student leaders built programs at multi-service poverty organization and AIDS Foundation.
- Collaboratively designed Fundamentals of Service-Learning manual for future ACEs
- Approval for new course required for ACEs, open to all students

FACULTY WORKSHOP

- Andy Furco on the Scholarship of Engagement; welcome by Provost
- 45 attendees including all schools, academic administrators, other area institutions

COMMUNITY PARTNER WORKSHOP

- Fundamentals of Service-Learning, co-facilitated with community partner
- 25 nonprofit attendees, welcome by President

MINIGRANTS

- \$1000 each for SL activities in Environmental Studies (participatory action research), Sociology (workshops in San Quentin Prison), American Studies (oral history w/ interfaith group), Art (social justice projects)

CONFERENCE FUNDING

- Student + Instructor presentation at Campus Compact Continuums of Service conference
- Student service-learner attendance at COOL conference
- Assistant Director attendance at Campus Compact new CSD institute & regional workshops

INSTITUTIONALIZATION (in addition to above)

- Advisory board involved in strategic planning, design & implementation of grant activities
- Educating faculty & partners about SL partnership model – cultivating new “best practices”
- Community Partner Seminar to occur in late summer
- Beginning to work with curriculum committee members about SL designations
- New Community Engagement course required for ACEs
- Assistant Director position added to SL office staff
- Demonstrated support from President, Provost, and some academic deans
- Efforts underway to institutionalize SL assessment and orientation