Pathway Goal: Community Partnerships

Action Item # 1-17

Report:
☐ Mid-Year: December 2016
☒ Year-End: April 2017

Action Item Description:
Create/maintain programs that serve community needs.

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Provide a written overview of the year-long process for your working group.

The group is working to develop definitions of service-oriented programs to aid in identifying them; also, the campus inventory is in process. The measurable outcomes include identification of a process to track programs designed to offer service to the community, by 7-1-17; and inventory of UNLV engagement, collaborations, and partnerships in areas identified above, tracked by the Office of Community Engagement (OCE), reported annually.

2016-17 Accomplishments

The OCE has tentatively defined “programs that serve community needs” as “any UNLV program or unit that provides a service or expertise to off-campus individuals or organizations with the goal of addressing a need, solving community problems, or enhancing quality of life.” UNLV programs designed to offer service to the community are identified and listed on the “Resources” page of the OCE website and promoted on social media. OCE meetings with the directors of service-oriented programs are occurring with the goal of better understanding the programs, identifying existing or potential community partnerships related to these programs, and determining the best way to promote these programs to a larger audience. Regarding the inventory, the OCE partnered with the Cannon Survey Center to administer a survey to the campus community regarding community engagement activity. The results of this survey are currently being compiled, and a findings will be available by June 2017.
Recommendations

OCE should continue to identify and promote UNLV services for the community via the website, social media, and in-person meetings. Findings from the community survey should help identify areas of need in the community and guide next steps.

2017-18 Next steps

- What should the goals / activities be for the subcommittee?
- Who should be responsible?

OCE should continue to identify and promote UNLV services for the community via its website, social media, and in-person meetings. In FY18, OCE should explore partnering with other university units to create a speaker’s bureau to match/coordinate UNLV speakers with community organizations requesting presentations on areas of expertise held by faculty/staff as well as on UNLV in general.

Please review the list below and “X” the appropriate box(es).

☐ Potential resources required
☐ Any reports generated by this working group
☐ Metrics to be used
☒ No additional reference material

Any additional information you wish to share.