

Engaging Student Voices: Building Community

ACLC Call for Workshop Proposals July 15 deadline

The 16th annual [Atlantic Center for Learning Communities Curriculum Planning Retreat](#) will be held October 19-21, 2016, at Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford, CT. We are seeking proposals for workshops that fall within the general theme of “Engaging Student Voices: Building Community.” Clearly, students are at the center of our work. How then do we best serve students in our learning communities? How do we help students build confidence, find their voices, and develop leadership skills along with success in the particular content of our learning community classes? How do we build faculty community as a way of modeling community and collaboration for our students? How do we engage students in collaboration with faculty and staff members as a way of building a stronger sense of community and promoting student success?

ACLC Retreat workshops are designed to be interactive, with the goal of providing workshop participants with practical applications based on solid learning community research and principles. Workshops are offered in a block of 75 or 120 minutes and may take one of two forms:

- A. An in-depth, **hands-on training** topic facilitated by an individual, partners or small team.
- B. An **interactive collaboration among colleagues from different institutions** who are focusing on the same topic while sharing strategies from their separate programs/institutions. **Preference will be given to proposals of this type.**

Student participation in workshops is welcomed and encouraged as another level of community and collaboration. Workshops featuring student work/artifacts will be given special consideration.

We especially welcome proposals on the following topics:

- First Generation and/or New Majority Students
- Faculty Development and Learning Communities
- Peer Mentoring
- Student success, student leadership, and the learning community
- Student involvement in the design, implementation, and assessment of learning communities
- Innovations in learning communities
- Cultivation of community on and off campus among faculty and students
- Assessment of learning communities
- Unconventional collaborations
- Practical integration of disciplines and assignments

Please send your 150-word proposal electronically to BOTH Brad Hollingshead at bhollingshead@flsouthern.edu AND Terry Novak at tnovak@jwu.edu. Be sure to identify the type and length of workshop that you would like to facilitate. Also include your institutional affiliation(s) and contact information for all facilitators in your email. **The deadline for proposal submissions is Friday, July 15, 2016.** More information about the Atlantic Center for Learning Communities and the 2016 Curriculum Planning Retreat can be found at www.wagner.edu/aclc.

Open call for Samples of Success: Attendees are encouraged to bring artifacts of successful learning community work to share with other LC colleagues at the retreat: videos of class activities and/or student presentations, samples of student work and assignments, etc. These will be shared during the Wednesday evening reception. You do not need to submit a proposal for this session.