

First Generation, Next Generation: Learning Communities for Inclusive Excellence

ACLC Call for Workshop Proposals

The 15th annual Atlantic Center for Learning Communities Curriculum Planning Retreat will be held October 28-30, 2015 at Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford, CT. We are seeking proposals for workshops that fall within the general theme of “First Generation, Next Generation: Learning Communities for Inclusive Excellence.” We especially invite proposals that explore the continued evolution of learning communities while embracing their rich history. When we think of First Generation, we think of both the genesis of learning communities, which led to certain defining standards, as well as first –generation college students who often fill our learning communities. Likewise, we think of Next Generation as evolving possibilities for both learning communities and the next generation of students. In all cases, we think of “First Generation, Next Generation” as a movement forward in our learning communities work, a way to celebrate our 15th anniversary and a way to reimagine possibilities.

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 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.

We especially welcome proposals on the following topics:

- Learning Communities as inclusive rather than exclusive communities
- First-generation students and learning communities
- Student success, student leadership, and the learning community
- The continuing evolution of and innovations in learning communities
- Cultivating community on and off campus among faculty and students
- Integrating learning in and out of the classroom
- 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@flosouthern.edu AND Terry Novak at tnovak@jwu.edu. Please include your institutional affiliation(s) and contact information for all facilitators in your email. **The deadline for proposal submissions is Friday, June 19, 2015.** More information about the Atlantic Center for Learning Communities and the 2015 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.