



Citizenship and Service-Learning Oversight Committee Report Faculty Senate Report: 2020-2021 Summary of Activities

November 11, 2021

Faculty Senators:

Charge

The CASL Oversight Committee has worked to execute its charge to “monitor and evaluate the CASL Program for the Senate” according to Senate Action 10-95/96. This standing committee of the Faculty Senate has fulfilled its task to maintain the academic credibility of the service-learning program. The CASL Oversight Committee supervises new service-learning options that are added to individual departments and approves all course syllabi of faculty integrating service-learning into their courses.

Overview for the Year

During the past academic year, **752 course sections** were offered as service-learning courses or pathway courses to service-learning—up from 750 course sections during the AY 19-20. **Three hundred and twenty-one (321) MSU Faculty/Staff** offered service-learning courses. As a reminder, students are not graded on their time out in the community, but on the learning demonstrated as the students integrate their material back into the classroom through reflective assignments chosen by faculty members and approved by the CASL Oversight Committee.

Through the CASL program in 2020-2021, **8,579 students** contributed **104,466 hours of service** to the community as faculty members used this pedagogical tool to underscore academic objectives. **These contributed hours represent a value of \$2,711,937.**

Alignment to Missouri State University’s Long-Range Plan

Missouri State University recently released the 2021-2026 Long-Range Plan. In the plan, MSU stated “Community Engagement will be more fully integrated into academia” (LRP, pg. 41). As part of the plan, faculty can apply for teaching waivers for large community service projects they are involved in and are encouraged to become involved in significant community projects. The plan further noted with community engagement being a core component of the University’s Public Affairs mission, “all students will be required to take at least one additional service-learning course in their major before they graduate” (LRP, pg. 38), over and above their community engagement project for GEP 101.

Faculty Support and Learning

To support faculty with this, the CASL Oversight Committee, along with Dr. Katherine Nordyke, Director of Citizenship and Service-Learning, and CASL Oversight Committee chair, Dr. Alan Tinkler, will host several Coffee & Conversation sessions, Brown-bag Lunch Sessions and workshops throughout 2022 to answer questions and assist faculty in making their courses service-learning courses. Additionally, the CASL Office will have a limited number of Service-Learning Faculty Development Stipends and Service-Learning Research Grants available each year to assist faculty in service-learning course development. More information about these opportunities, along with the links to the application, can be found on the CASL Website at:

<https://www.missouristate.edu/CASL/faculty.htm>

The Office of Citizenship and Service-Learning serves as a facilitator of resources for the benefit of both the University’s academic endeavors and the service goals of the community’s agencies. The Oversight Committee works in collaboration with the CASL staff to ensure that the academic quality of the service-learning is always maintained.

Committee Membership

I submit this report on behalf of the 2019-2020 CASL Oversight Committee: Alan Tinkler, Chair (RCOAL), Patty Blanton (CNAS), Kerri Tassin (COB), Kim Roam (COE), Amy Blansit (CHHS), Julia Troche (CHPA), and Nichole Busdieker-Jessie (COAG). I commend each of them for a productive year.

Regards,

Alan Tinkler

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