

# Citizenship and Service-Learning Oversight Committee Report

2019-2020 Summary of Activities

December 1, 2020 Faculty Senate Report

Faculty Senators:

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.

During the past academic year, **863 course sections** were offered as service-learning courses or pathway courses to service-learning; **up from 667 course sections during the AY 18-19. Three hundred and sixty-eight (368) MSU Faculty/Staff offered or taught Service-Learning courses; up from 292 during the AY 18-19.** 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 2019-2020, **8,924 students contributed 160,833 hours of service to the community** as faculty members used this pedagogical tool to underscore academic objectives. These **hours resulted in a value of \$3,853,559.00 of contributed hours to our community.** This compares to 2,130 students and 58,735.25 hours in 2010-2011.

## Carnegie Classified Community Engaged Institution Recertification

In addition to the increase in service-learning numbers, the service-learning office, in conjunction with the office of Public Affairs Support, spearheaded the recertification of the University’s Carnegie Classification as a Community Engaged University during the 2017- 2018 and 2018-2019 academic years. The year and a half long application process entailed a collection of data from across the entire campus (colleges, academic departments, administration, student affairs, etc.) and the community-at-large, compiling an in-depth report, and then the submission of the report to the Carnegie Foundation in April of 2019. Notification was received in December of 2019 that MSU was recertified as a Carnegie Classified Community Engaged University. This certification is important to the University and aligns with the University’s Public Affairs mission, the University’s Long-range Goals, and the University’s accreditation from HLC. The recertification is good through 2026; however, Dr. Nordyke and Mary Ann Wood will begin the next application process in 2024.

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. For more information on the amazing work from the CASL office please feel free to check out their annual report and other information on the CASL website.

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

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service,

Alan Tinkler  
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CASL Oversight Committee