

Dear Colleagues:

I know you're all very busy, but I wanted to briefly share with you some programs at other USHE schools that might be instructive for SUU, either for general purposes or for the unfolding strategic plan. I learned of these last weekend at the Utah Campus Compact Engaged Faculty Retreat that convened at Dixie State University.

1) Weber State and Ogden have paired through a "College Town Initiative" that includes a shared vision, a charter, a formal structure, and evaluation "metrics." More info is found at <http://goo.gl/1GoxTM> Bill Cook, Executive Director of the Ogden City Council, co-chairs the Initiative and is happy to chat or visit about their efforts. WSU's participation was spurred in part by their year-long process to re-certify as a Carnegie Community Engaged Institution in 2015. I learned, in addition, that WSU and Ogden City belong to the "International Town & Gown Association."

2) Utah State and Logan have established a "Community Bridge Initiative" in which city officials created a list of ten significant issues/problems/priorities that could be addressed through USU's service-learning courses, faculty, and students. As I understand it, the City of Logan (whose mayor is an USU alumnus) has provided \$250,000 in fee-for-service funding and the Provost's Office is coordinating USU's campus efforts. For more info, see [http://news.hjnews.com/allaccess/logan-usu-community-bridge-initiative-to-tackle-local-issues/article\\_51f991b4-6b9f-11e4-80b7-0b08bed84d1d.html](http://news.hjnews.com/allaccess/logan-usu-community-bridge-initiative-to-tackle-local-issues/article_51f991b4-6b9f-11e4-80b7-0b08bed84d1d.html) USU's focus on "sustainability" flows from the model at the University of Oregon known as "SCYP": <http://sci.uoregon.edu/sustainable-city-year-program>

Perhaps there are similar efforts underway here at SUU, but, if not, programs like these could help SUU to fulfill our role as a community partner and to sustain our status as a Carnegie Community Engaged Institution. Let me know if you have questions or desire more information. Our colleagues at WSU and USU are happy to share their expertise and experiences.