

**Strengthening University-Wide Interdisciplinarity  
University Strategic Planning Task Force  
Sixth Meeting**

May 8, 2020

Via Zoom (<https://ncsu.zoom.us/j/398995554>)

*In Attendance: Paul Lunn, Fred Wright, Jenny Evans, Jason Delborne, Owen Duckworth, Kevin FitzGerald, Amy Grunden, Peter Harries, David Hawley, Jonathan Horowitz, Bob Kelly, Jennifer Kuzma, Jane Lubischer, Mostakima Lubna, Ross Meentemeyer, Jorge Piedrahita, Joshua Pierce, Bret Smith, and Rob Smart.*

*Not in Attendance: Sarah Desmarais, Blair Kelley and Chris McGahan.*

### **Approval of Minutes of April 17 Meeting Minutes**

#### **First look at survey results**

The survey was open from April 27 – May 6 and had a completed survey response rate of 10.4% (n=414). Evans shared the raw data for discussion. Several members of the task force volunteered to help with thematic coding of the qualitative data and statistician support.

#### **Other sub-group report status updates** (*Why do we need and want ID, Measurements of success, and Models of success*)

Each group is working to finalize their reports. Ideas are conservative, but we need to focus on bold ideas. A lot of the process so far has focused on what NC State is currently doing. The task force hopes the survey results, especially the qualitative data, helps with ideas.

Below is a summary of the brainstorming discussion:

- Pros and cons of a potential unit that would support all ID centers and institutes as well as ID undergraduate/graduate programs.
- A centralized unit that helps with funding could be critical for ID success.
- “Schools” other or entities could support interdisciplinarity as a matrix structure, cutting across Colleges and Departments.
- Undergraduate and graduate education could see the biggest impact from ID ideas.
- There is currently no centralized place for university funding of ID.
- ID is usually a bottom up initiatives from faculty/staff to administration.
- A resource of who to contact to get an initiative started is needed.
- Is a model for a call for proposal for ID needed?
- The Provost’s Faculty Scholars program is already a success. Could ID follow that model?
- Sources of teaching support could come from existing CFEP.
- Additional support to centers and institutes could be provided for ID.
- Additional support for ID faculty.
- Cluster hires were also discussed in connection to ID.
- What would it look like if we did away with colleges? What about departments?

#### **Next steps discussion**

The report date has been extended to July 1. The co-chairs will meet about next steps and communicate those by email next week.

#### **Next meeting date**

May 22 from 3-5 p.m. via Zoom.