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EarthLab Faculty Steering Committee Meeting Minutes Autumn 2022

Date: October 12, 2022

Location: Hans Rosling Center, Meeting Room #101 and online (ZOOM)

Goals for this meeting:

- Provide update & feedback on Climate Lightning Talks
- Provide feedback on year two planning for EarthLab Student Experience Program

Attendees:

- Kyle Crowder
- Derek Fulwiler
- Peter Kahn
- Jeremy Hess
- Terrie Klinger
- Clarita Lefthand-Begay
- Phil Levin
- Jan Newton
- Yoshitaka Ota
- Dan Schwartz
- Maya Tolstoy
- Mary Dwyer
- Allie Long
- Jessica Peyla Nagtalon
- Barbara Owens
- Ben Packard

Meeting began: 2:30 p.m.

EarthLab updates:

EarthLab core staff provided updates on the new Student Experience Program activities over the summer and the new Innovation Grants RFP that was released in September.

Discuss: Student programming next steps

EarthLab launched two new student programs this summer, the EarthLab Student Internship and the Clean Energy Scholars. EarthLab asked the Faculty Steering Committee the following questions on how to improve and grow the programs.

- Question: What are the critical skills (e.g. technical, soft skills, working across boundaries) and knowledge that our UW undergraduate students need (for

further education, to enter industry, etc.) that we should be focused on helping them develop?

- Answers included a range of ideas, from improved communication and listening skills, writing skills, leadership training, and collaborating with and appreciating different perspectives, skills and experiences.
- Question: If we aim to offer 1-2 events for undergraduates in Winter quarter 2023, what might that look like?
 - Faculty provided a range of answers including offering more casual, community-building type events and coalesced on the idea to seek input from students themselves.
- Question: Looking ahead to the 2023-24 academic year, what might it look like to provide undergraduate students, specifically, with academic year programming?
 - Faculty offered ideas including offering for-credit and service-learning opportunities, connecting with student interest groups and developing career panels. It was noted that students, particularly underserved or underrepresented students, do not have a lot of time for extra activities during the academic year.
- Question: What other programs are you aware of that we could partner with in order to increase EarthLab's affiliation with UW programs committed to transdisciplinary approaches to understanding and solving environmental challenges?
 - [Global Business Program](#)
 - [Alaska Airlines Environmental Innovation Challenge](#)
 - [Program on the Environment](#)
 - [Ocean Decade Coordination Center for the NE Pacific](#)

Update: "Sparking Climate Connections: UW Lightning Talks on Climate Change" on December 1, 2022

Faculty were interested in the event but noted that the time for action is now, funding such as seed grants for this work is still needed, and to keep the invitation to participate broad and inclusive.

Round Robin Feedback: The future of climate and social justice work

This discussion item was tabled because we ran out of time.

Meeting adjourned: 4 p.m.