



SPARC

**April 16, 2019
3:00 p.m., UC 202A**

Meeting Summary

In Attendance:

Terri Cook
Jennifer Dirmeyer
Dave Eisler
Jodi Gardei
Mike Hughes
Kristi Haik
Mike Hughes
Beth Logan
Suzanne Miller
Kristy Motz
Dave Nicol
Shely Percy
David Pilgrim

Joy Pufhal
Michelle Rasmussen
Steve Reifert
Julie Rowan
Jerry Scoby
Mandy Seiferlein
Spence Tower
Dan Wanink
Sue Waters
Trinidy Williams
Greg Zimmerman

Guests:

Peter Bradley, Angela Garry, Amy Green, Cindy Horn, Jeremy Mishler, Bob Murray, Kasey Short

Spence Tower called the meeting to order, and asked everyone to consider June 19 or June 20 for the SPARC Retreat and let him know their preference. Today we will be revisiting the Open Educational Resources topic with Kristy Motz; provide feedback for the Strategic Plan groups, and discuss on-line learning with Amy Green.

Open Educational Resources (OER)

Kristy Motz gave an update on the success of the OER program and urged faculty to consider this option when thinking about textbooks for their courses. Many resources are free-on-line and most hard copies run \$15.00 - \$55.00 at most. Benefits are obviously the cost but also the ability to customize.

New Strategic Plan

Each of the five groups asked the SPARC members to provide feedback on one initiative for their goals. The groups are Academic Program Offerings, Pride and Community, Enhancing Resources, Student Success and Institutional Effectiveness.

On-Line Education

Amy Green explained some of the types of on-line learning such as blended, which is 30% of the class being taught on-line, digital, which is no physical instructor and on-line, which is an internet connection between the student and teacher. Some of the reasons to offer on-line classes are flexibility and social and emotional health and safety. Ways we support on-line students is through new student orientation and support services such as math tutoring, the writing center and counseling services. For faculty members that bring the content, the University has instructional design experts to assist with designing their on-line class.

Chair Tower adjourned the meeting

Adjourned: 4:53 pm

Next meeting: September 12, 2019, 3pm, UCB 202A

Submitted by Terri S. Cook