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<u>Brainstorming Discussion</u>:
The current state of MSI Campus Champions Engagement (not to be misconstrued as volunteer labor for XSEDE) and potential strategic collaboration activities between Champions and BP programs for deeper impact. Previous collaboration worked well but was opportunistic and would like to be more strategic. There are 430 champions and the group size may be daunting for those who are new or perceive themselves as being in different context with differing needs. The last time the MSI Champion needs were solicited was through a focus group at XSEDE14 in Atlanta. The following ideas were discussed:

1. For PEARC18, we'll will inform MSI Champions about travel support closer to paper-panel proposals are accepted, registration opening, et al. As we did for PEARC17, will work to maximize the number of MSI Champions that receive travel support for the conference. We'll keep an eye out for introductory sessions and faculty focused sessions to promote to this group to encourage attendance. Didn't discuss but the CEE-BP breakfast is always well received and provides the opportunity to get together in a small group setting that encourages supportive discussions and idea exchange between the MSI Champions.

2. The Champions Program move forward with focus groups conducted by Lorna & company with some involvement from BP. The goal is to find out how we can best serve them without making assumptions. It is a good time to get an update since the number of MSI Champions has grown, there is new program management, and many new services that may be more appropriate for their needs are available.

3. There are two types of virtual calls per month. 3rd Tuesday are guest speakers and 2nd Tuesday is the community chat which is intended to be smaller. The Champions discussions tend to trend toward technical and service provider type topics. Champions will consider how to seed some other lines of discussion in their calls that would be of more interest to champions who are faculty BP will invite MSI Champions who are not subscribed to the MRC list to join. The invite will explain the difference in the types of information posted (non-technical, education, funding, and student opportunities for URMs and MSIs).

4. May consider a webinar on inclusions with a focus on both on recruiting and serving more diverse users and fostering an inclusive work environment that would attract more diverse interns and student workers.

5. Continue to check for champions to support BP Conference exhibiting or who have presentations at their minority professional conferences. Both instances BP can provide travel support.

Schedule of CEE-BP Events
1. Emerging Researchers National Conference, February 22-24, 2018 Washington, D.C – Linda/Vetria Byrd
2. ACM Richard Tapia Celebration of Diversity in Computing, September 19-22, 2018, Orlando

3. Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing, September 26-28, 2018, Houston
4. SACNAS, the National Diversity in STEM Conference, October 11-13, 2018, San Antonio