

CEE Broadening Participation and Workforce Development
3/31/2020 Call Notes

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Agenda, discussion, and action items:

1. PY9 Budget (carryover projections) & PY10 Planning
 - a. Linda is scheduling calls to discuss spend plans on PY9 funds due to the impact of COVID-19 on spending with conferences and workshops being converted to virtual or cancelled.
 - b. PY10 plan information was submitted thanks to everyone providing input on time. The L2 review is in process. Next step will begin when the annual report information is requested.
 - c. Linda is exploring the addition of Unislawa Williams to the team to work with Kate to support ACSC curriculum development.
2. Conferences
 - a. ASCUE 2020 Myrtle Beach, SC June 7-11, has not cancelled or switched to virtual. OSC travel restricted through June 30th and Cornell travel restriction indefinite. Kate will email organizers to inform them that XSEDE will not provide an in-person presentation as all of our staff are at sites with travel restrictions that extend beyond the conference dates.
 - b. PEARC20 – still in-person, considering virtual, accepted papers will be published.
 - July is still close enough that many potential applicants and participants are hesitant to apply or commit to attending.
 - With the probability of a virtual conference increasing, Linda and Rosie are doing research on best practices for improving the quality and impact of virtual workshops. Concerned about some of the important learning objectives and approaches such as team science, cultural competency, and storytelling. Will be consulting Ruby Mendenhall and possibly Unislawa Williams.
 - ACSC Students – Application deadline is tomorrow. To date 15 applications received. May extend the deadline but will wait on sending out additional communications until it is known whether the conference will be in-person or virtual. May have to rely on targeting those with existing personal connections with XSEDE staff.
 - ACSC Faculty – No invitations issued. Waiting to see whether will be in-person or virtual.
 - c. Tapia (September) – no change in deadlines
 - d. GHC20 (October) – no change in deadlines
 - e. SACNAS (October) – no change in deadlines

- f. SC20 (November) – no change in deadlines. C4C Students/C4C Faculty no action on at this time since faculty and student focus is while they are focused on managing the changes to the current spring semester.
3. Communications Items
- a. Article in the XSEDE news was submitted thanks to all the input provided by Susan, Aaron, and Linda
 - b. Next article to be submitted will be staff profile of Kate and Susan to highlight the work in education and training.
4. Workshops
- a. CSULA NASA Direct STEM Updated Delivery Plan – Ag is available to assist Kate. System Admin responsibilities have increased for Je'aime. Kate sent email to CSULA with outline and proposal to reduce content to fit the new delivery paradigm.
 - b. AUCC Data Science Initiative – No response to Linda's email about remote consulting and support.
 - c. Computational Chemistry for Educators – Kate in discussion with New Paltz to convert to a virtual workshop. Dates are June 1 – 5 but may be pushed back to increase participation and have more time to develop materials. Costs incurred will be shifted from travel support to a small amount for materials delivery.
 - d. Parallel Programming curriculum workshop – is cancelled. A working group of interested faculty will be convened to develop a future workshop and build community. Kate will check to see if there is any output or appropriate relationship with the group that was investigating creating an Institute for Parallel Programming and Distributed Computing that met at SC19.
 - e. CSUSB Webinar – April 6th delivery cancelled due to faculty focus on preparing and rolling out the balance of the spring semester remotely. Rosie is working with Christine to identify a new date in May.
 - f. Now that the education workshops are virtual can international participants be accepted? Linda will check on any NSF or grant restrictions. Aaron and others will have to consider time zone and language as well as other issues that may impact delivery outside the US.
 - g. Zoombobing article shared with the group. Need to consider using passwords for training events. Would like to be able to assign students to the different rooms upon entry or ahead of time. Rosie is investigating co-host options and plans on using breakout rooms for the CSULA training event. She will check with Illinois and TACC on options. John and Rosie may invite us to some tests to make sure everything works before the first CSULA session on April 18th.