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Maine Campus Compact Steering Committee, Bates College

Below is a summary of the important information and resources that were discussed at this meeting. Additional documents were presented and are on file at the CCE.

Major Topics:

- **College Access Corps**
 - AmeriCorps members placed in area high schools to increase collaboration with local colleges in terms of access to college.
 - Carrabec High School is matched with KVCC
- **Sustainability Internships**
 - MCC is developing a data base of internship/service opportunities in various areas related to sustainability. Students may earn money for tuition.
- **Civic Leadership Network**
 - A new online community of resources in New England for student leadership training. The goal is to share resources and possibly offer distance-based leadership training region-wide
- **VISTA News**
- **MCC Strategic Planning and Goals**
- **Calendar** (available by request...covers meetings and dates for all programs)

College Access Corps

The College Access Corps (CAC) has been established placing AmeriCorps members in host high schools throughout Maine. The goals of this program are as follows:

Goal 1: Increase college enrollment rates of local high school students

- One on one Advising (members will work with high school students to encourage them to make plans for college and assist them with the process)
- Information Resource (members will give presentations to high school students and their parents on the steps of going to college, and available financing)
- Connecting with existing College Access Programs (members will connect with current programs, such as Upward Bound and Gear Up, and encourage collaboration)

Goal 2: Develop partnerships between institutions of higher education and high schools to address college access

- Leveraging college student volunteers through service or service-learning (use students to run programs such as college visits, tutoring, mentoring, workshops for parents, etc.)
- Connecting with admissions, financial aid, and other college offices (collaboration with college-based resources)

Mark's Note

I have been in touch with the representative from Carrabec High School, Michael Cooley, and we will be meeting to brainstorm how we might work together to engage the Carrabec students here at KVCC. Initial ideas include offering a course at Carrabec, visits to KVCC, and joint community service projects that involve both KVCC students and Carrabec students.

Sustainability Internships

Still very much under development, this resource is in hopes of creating a state-wide resource for students interested in working in the area of sustainability. Organizations listed in the database should provide the following:

- Internship titles and descriptions
- Student eligibility criteria
- Start and end dates
- Paid/unpaid status

In addition, the program is looking at instilling an “Ed Award” component. If a student completes 300 hours of service they may be eligible for approximately \$1000 that they can apply toward their education expenses

Sam Boyer, a student at Bates, is the Program Coordinator. He is working closely with MCC.

Mark's Note

As we are beginning to explore sustainable energy programs do we have the capacity to offer internships (for example: consulting with local businesses in how to incorporate green energy technology) or may our students want to explore applying their trade to these initiatives?

In addition, other students in other programs, may be interested in working with sustainable organizations (legal, environmental, healthcare, etc.)

Civic Leadership Network

All the Campus Compacts of New England have partnered to create the Civic Leadership Network. This is an online community focused on the development and sharing of leadership training programs region-wide.

The goals of the program include:

- To create a cross-campus network of students working on community issues
- To create a venue for students and staff to share civic leadership training and resources
- To create a system to certify students as Civic Leaders

Each campus would create the following “jobs”:

- Network Liaison
 - Participate in advisory group and planning, responsible to ensure that the training offered on the campus meet the quality criteria, certify student competencies, etc.
- Student Ambassador

- Assist in coordinating training, actively involved on campus, assist students in participating in the program

Anticipated training includes:

- collaborative skills
- communication skills
- fundraising and resource development
- general leadership skills
- networking

Mark's Note

This may be an opportunity for the development of student leaders such as Student Senate and the representatives from other student organizations. In addition, these resources could be incorporated into the Leadership course being offered by the Department of Social Science. Any student interested in leadership training could participate. Staff and Faculty who are experts in topic areas can provide their training to a broader audience.

VISTA News

VISTA, Volunteers in Service to America, is a nation-wide service program for young people interested in making a difference.

Maine is currently hosting 17 VISTA members (a record year!) in various colleges across the state. VISTAs are engaged in developing campus-based programs in a number of different areas:

- volunteer recruitment and retention
- hunger / food / winterization and weatherization
- financial planning / resource development
- one-time service events
- training / workshops
- service-learning support
- college aspirations and mentoring
- working with student groups / clubs and organizations

Mark's Note

If anyone is interested in a particular initiative, such as a voluntary financial management program, taxes program, shelter, after-school program, etc. etc., we as an institution can apply to host a VISTA. The origins of the CCE are based on the presence of Emily Lance years ago (she was a VISTA)

MCC Strategic Planning and Goals

Discussion was had on the following focus points for the coming year:

- Supporting the Professional Development of Civic Engagement Stewards
- Problem-based Service-Learning Institutes
- Pedagogy for Service-Learning
- Community Engaged Research
- Global / International Service done Locally

- Alternative Spring Breaks
- Student Leadership
- Joint ventures between students and Student Affairs staff
- Assessing outcomes of civic engagement
- Engaged department work
- Discipline based engagement
- Exploring how engagement enhances distance and hybrid learning
- Hosting a Faculty Rewards Institute
- Action planning for grants
- Developing resources to share nationally
- Service-Learning and retention study
- College Access
- Service-Learning and Sustainability
- AmeriCorps Ed Award Program
- Dining Services and Civic Engagement hunger program
- Developing a mechanism to share images and stories
- Legislative agendas

Mark's Note

There is a lot here that KVCC is interested in. These are going to be addressed with programs, information, resources, funding opportunities, etc.