

SUTEP PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

Summary of Activities and Recommendations Reported to the SUTEP Steering Committee April 29, 2009

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Meetings in 2008 – 09 Fall meeting – September 30; Spring meeting – March 25

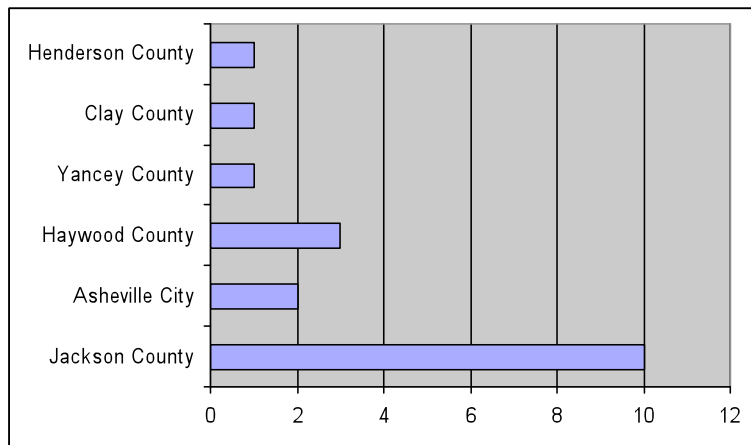
Goal A Promote leadership for innovation. (Engagement and Stewards of Place: UNC-Tomorrow 4.3.1, 4.3.3, 4.7.4)

Activities

- A Schools Attuned workshop was offered in June 2008 at Cullowhee Valley School.
- The Instructional Leadership Summit I, attended by approximately 80 people, was held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Asheville on November 5, 2008. Positive evaluation responses indicated a need for solidifying the network that was developed through the Summit and continuing to have dialog around a variety of topics related to instructional leadership.
- Mentor Training, and Mentor Refresher were jointly sponsored by the SUTEP and the CSBT. Beginning Teacher Support was jointly sponsored by SUTEP/CSBT/LEAs.

Recommendations

- Increase the number (diversity) of applications for the SUTEP Partnership grants. Eighteen SUTEP Partnership grants were awarded for the 08-09 school year. The following table shows how these were distributed according to school district.



- Develop an easily shared summary of the SUTEP Partnership Grant projects. A revised format for reporting that would be easily transferable to the web site or a print publication is suggested.
- Instructional Leadership Summit II (tentatively scheduled for Spring 09) was cancelled due to the current budget climate. During the Spring Meeting, some of the PD committee members offered the idea of having a totally on-line Summit. Support for this idea was mixed. A compromise of conducting a face-to-face Summit in the fall that sets the stage for the first on-line Summit is suggested.

Goal B Support for NBPTS (Stewards of Place: UNC-Tomorrow 4.3.1, 4.3.3)

Activities

- 36 teachers and 5 facilitators participated in NBC events. School systems represented were Asheville City, Buncombe, Cherokee County, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, and Swain.

Recommendations

- Reevaluate the continuation of NBC support; this will be on the agenda for the fall meeting.

Goal C Collaboration between WCU faculty members and school personnel to enhance student learning. (Engagement, Stewards of Place and the Boyer Model of Scholarship: UNC-Tomorrow 4.3.1, 4.3.2, 4.3.3, 4.7.1, 4.7.3, 4.7.4 and 5.7)

Activities

- Travel support was provided for WCU faculty to work with recipients of the SUTEP Partnership Grants.
- NC QUEST CYCLE VII grant, Mentoring for Meaning in Math and Science was awarded to the CMSE; project partners are the CSBT, faculty from the College of Arts and Sciences, and 6 LEAs in WNC. The project provides professional development for 30 math and science mentor teachers.

Recommendations

- Improve the process for linking SUTEP Partnership Grant recipients with WCU faculty and reemphasize the partnership requirement for this grant program. Continue to support the travel for WCU faculty who work with recipients of the grants.