

Leaders of CRC member institutions' student community service programs

April 20, 2016 Meeting Meredith College Chapel Common Room

Attendance: **Meredith College**—Stacy Pardue, chaplain, Meghan Engtran, AmeriCorps/VISTA; **NC State**—Melissa Barnes Green, Director for Student Leadership, Ethics & Public Service; **Saint Augustine's**—Ann Brown, Dean of Women; **Shaw**—Nikeshia Rollack, Director of Career and Experiential Learning; **Wake Tech**—Melody Henderson, Coordinator of Volunteerism and Student Leadership Activities and Mariel Steinbeiser, Assistant Coordinator, Office of Volunteerism & Leadership Student Activities; **William Peace**—Lara Lee King, Director of Student Involvement; Jenny Spiker, **CRC** Director.

CRC Director Jenny Spiker welcomed the group to their first time to meet as CRC cohorts. She gave some background on Cooperating Raleigh Colleges (see the summary sheet given to the participants).

The majority of the meeting featured information from each institution's representative(s) about some of the key programs they have for community-based learning (student service projects, etc.) Here are examples of the projects that were discussed:

Meredith College:

- Campus Kitchen
- Sisters United
- Community-based learning committee
- Triple S (Sisters Supporting Sisters)
- Interfaith group
- A variety of international projects
- Food pantry

Saint Augustine's University:

- MLK Day
- Stop Hunger Now
- On campus community service fair
- All official student organizations are required to do community service
- Starting a program where all students will need to do community service for graduation
- MedAssist pharmacy program

Shaw University:

- All Greek organizations are required to have 50 hours of community service by graduation
- Other organizations like the Honors College also require community service
- Many courses have service learning components

William Peace University:

- Community together project
- Green Chair
- Salvation Army
- Love Winds
- MLK
- Sole Hope (sending shoe patterns to Uganda)
- Appalachia Service project

- Hearts for Haiti
- Alternative Fall Break programs

Wake Tech Community College:

- Spring break projects (some to New Orleans)
- Hunger and homelessness projects
- Selma, Alabama project on racial issues in the public schools
- Food pantry (faculty and staff members can sponsor a shelf)
- Relationships with a men's shelter, Habitat for Humanity and the Interfaith Food Shuttle
- Use Org Sync to track programs

NC State University:

- Spring and fall break trips (21 different ones)
- Food pantry (also use shelf sponsors)
- Have an outreach and engagement strategic plan
- Use Collegiate Link to track projects
- Build a Block (Habitat for Humanity project to build 11 houses)
- Stop Hunger Now
- American Red Cross partnership

Ideas for the future:

The committee decided it would be good to work on a way to collaborate on community based learning/community service projects. Several general plans were introduced:

1—A CRC Day in the community where people could learn about how much and what is going on already and inspire ideas for future projects. They suggested we connect with Activate Good to explore this possibility.

2—A joint mentorship program where college students could work with youth in the community. One possibility would be to work with the Raleigh Promise group to have current Wake County college students work with high school and/or middle school students on preparing for college

Next meeting: The group would like to meet again in July. Jenny will send out a notice to help pick a date preferably after July 15.