



IIN Working Committees Meeting Friday, November 20, 2020

Zoom Meeting

The IIN Working Committee Chair Meeting was called to order at 2:01 PM. Those committee members in attendance included Beth Cada, Kyle Harfst, Ryan Hendrickson, and Bruce Sommer, Mike Bedell, Jerry Blazey, Leslie Matuszewich, Jeannette Tamayo, Ben Taylor, and Jay Walsh.

Introductions

Harfst introduced Jeannette Tamayo to the group. Jeannette is an employee of the U.S. Department of Commerce and will be working with the University of Illinois System Office of the Vice President for Economic Development and Innovation through an assignment. Her priorities will include workforce development with an equity focus, and the Federal Government Counsel of Chicago, among other activities.

DCEO Broadband Funding

Harfst report that DCEO had a news release on November 17 announcing that grant funding would be available for broadband planning by DCEO region and universities would be encouraged to submit proposals. He also indicated that there would be an information meeting in early December to address questions or concerns. Awards of \$50,000 maximum per region will be available for a maximum of five regions.

Public Comment

No public comments were heard.

IIN Council Meetings

Discussion ensued regarding having working committees report back to the IIN Council. It was suggested that each IIN Council meeting could highlight one committee's activities, rather than have all four committees report at each Council meeting. Bruce Sommer volunteered to provide an update for the Entrepreneurship & Corporate Engagement working committee at the December Council meeting.

Working Committee Updates

Discussion took place regarding charges established for each of the working committees. Harfst and others suggested that the charges be reviewed and discussed at the meeting in January.

The following committee updates were heard:

- Beth Cada, Education and Workforce Development. Discussed previous work related to apprenticeship webinar. Planning to schedule a meeting this winter.
- Bruce Sommer & Mike Bedell, Entrepreneurship & Corporate Engagement. Discussed subcommittees that had been formed. Bedell mentioned Incubators as one of the activities.
- Ben Taylor, Public Policy. Mentioned advocacy taking place.
- Ryan Hendrickson and Leslie Matuszewich, Research & Collaboration. Summarized the Sustaining Illinois Seed Funding Program.

Committee members also discussed the Research Enabled initiative created by the University of Missouri System and Southern Illinois University System. Representatives from Reach Enabled provided a short presentation at yesterday's Council meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Harfst, Executive Director