

CSU MONTEREY BAY

Luis Sierra, who at the time was Coordinator of Community Partnerships at the Service Learning Institute of CSU Monterey Bay chose to integrate the training of faculty and community partners. Two days of meetings focused on developing syllabi with the active participation of community partners. The activities were structured to develop a shared understanding of social justice, service learning, and civic engagement. There were many small-group discussions mixed in with whole group role-playing games. This was held on campus, and, since it was two full working days, community partners were paid to attend. No registration fee was charged.

Successful Interactive Activity

“The Outside Expert” exercise (see Appendix C) highlighted the limitations of academic understanding of community issues and generated great discussion on the role of community partners as instructors.

Successful Recruitment Strategy

Faculty were encouraged by the thought that their syllabi would be completed on time, and community partners seemed to be drawn simply by knowing they were selected by a faculty member who wanted to work with them. There were very few refusals. The goal was to develop syllabus with community. There needed to be a clearer example of what such a syllabus looks like compared to a traditional “from the mind of the instructor” syllabus. However, Luis and others noticed that the most exciting outcomes came from new faculty with little or no experience in teaching service-learning courses.

Agenda

DAY ONE

8:30-9:00 a.m.	Coffee and Sign-In
9:00-9:30 a.m.	Welcome Activity: What is Service? Social Justice? Civic Engagement?
9:30-10:30 a.m.	Power Line-Up
10:30-10:45 a.m.	BREAK
10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Paper Chain
12:00-1:00 p.m.	LUNCH
1:00-2:00 p.m.	Curriculum Framework: Learning for Action for Social Change
2:00-3:30 p.m.	Curriculum Teams Work Time
3:45-4:30 p.m.	Curriculum Teams Gallery Walk and Report Out
4:30-5:00 p.m.	Reflection and Closure

DAY TWO

8:30-9:00 a.m.	Coffee and Reconnection
9:00-10:30 a.m.	Community Partners as Co-Teachers
10:30-10:45 a.m.	BREAK
10:45-11:30 a.m.	Reflection Activities for Social Justice and Civic Engagement
11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Curriculum Development Task
12:00-12:30 p.m.	LUNCH
12:30-3:00 p.m.	Curriculum Teams Work Time
3:15-4:30 p.m.	Sharing Curricula
4:30-5:00 p.m.	Reflection and Closure

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