

Sinclair NSF Grants Network (SiGN)

Outcomes of January 6, 2004 Planning Session

BACKGROUND

- We conducted a storyboarding session in August 2003
- President's Council has approved the SiGN
- Now we must determine what do to in 2004

OVERALL PROJECT PURPOSE

To create a network for NSF project directors

PURPOSE OF THIS SESSION

To determine the 3 – 5 activities for SiGN for 2004


To create a plan for implementing the selected activities

To establish the 2004 schedule of meetings

NONPURPOSE OF THIS SESSION

To question the worth of the network

OUTCOMES OF OUR JANUARY 6, 2004 STORYBOARDING SESSION

 <p>Top 3 – 5 Activities for Calendar Year 2004</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Share grant management strategies with NSF project teams2. Disseminate information about and best practices resulting from the projects3. Research best practices in managing grant partners and share with NSF project teams4. Aggressively help the NSF grants that are floundering.5. Conduct workshops on grants development for newcomers to grants development6. Enter into discussions with President’s Cabinet on the institutional importance of grants development, appropriate rewards for departments/divisions to seek external funding, and other related issues
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SiGN Group Activities from Brainstorming

TASKS	WHO WILL DO IT	BY WHEN
<p>1. Share grant management strategies with NSF project teams</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create and implement a workshop on project management principles • Audience: NSF PDs and PIs and other interested faculty 	Dave Siefert	July 30, 2004
<p>2. Disseminate information about and best practices resulting from the projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct poster sessions at Fall Conference 	Monica Pfarr	October 31, 2004
<p>3. Research best practices in managing grant partners and share with NSF project teams</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research NSF projects and centers which are most effective at managing partners • Develop workshops with external partners on partnership management 	Monica Pfarr and Jim Houdeshell	April 30, 2004
<p>4. Aggressively help the NSF grants that are floundering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants Team will meet quarterly with Joe Must to monitor overall spending patterns of grants • When spending patterns are erratic, Grants Team will convene appropriate individuals as “swat” team to provide technical assistance 	Neil Herbkersman	Immediately
<p>5. Conduct workshops on grants development for newcomers to grants development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants Team will develop and present a grants development workshop • Audience: NSF PDs and PIs and other interested faculty 	Grants Team	February 29, 2004
<p>6. Enter into discussions with President’s Cabinet on the institutional importance of grants development, appropriate rewards for departments/divisions to seek external funding, and other related issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a list of questions for President’s Council to determine perceived role of NSF grant funding at Sinclair • Ask President’s Council to create a grants development position statement • Create a proposal for President’s Council for incentives for encouraging grants development • Develop a strategy statement justifying grant funding 	SiGN Advisory Board	March 30