

**Storyboarding Outcomes August 19, 2003
Creating a Sinclair NSF Grants Network**

Background




Sinclair Community College has received criticisms from NSF
NSF project teams need help
Sinclair is the community college leader in NSF funding
George Sehi PowerPoint presentation

Overall Project Purpose

To investigate the options of creating a network for NSF project directors

Purpose of This Session

1. To determine if this is a viable activity
2. To determine what are possible activities
3. To determine who should be involved
4. To determine who should lead the initiative

 <p>Is this a viable activity to pursue?</p>	<p>The general consensus was “yes”</p>
 <p>Who should be involved?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. NSF projects are unique2. We should first limit the network to past, current, and potential future NSF project team leadership members3. In the future, we may expand the network to include other grant funded programs
 <p>What should the network accomplish?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Look for commonalities among the grants2. There are several major categories of activities: (1) improving project management, (2) strategic management and advocacy, (3) grants office to-do list, (4) ways to improve communication <p>1. Improving Project Management</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Share process for FastLane reporting

2. Share project reports
3. Share grant management strategies
4. How to create and manage National Visiting Committees
5. How to obtain and manage External Evaluators
6. Create an evaluation template
7. Develop assessment methods and tools to show learning gains and college impacts
8. Share dissemination methods
9. Conduct workshops for new comers to grants development

2. Strategic Management and Advocacy

1. Research other colleges and network for future partnerships
2. Market Sinclair's NSF expertise to other colleges
3. Project teams should understand each other to become better ambassadors for each other
4. Make the network process a best practice
5. Broaden funding to include other agencies

3. Grants Office To-do List

1. Create a list of all NSF Sinclair grants and post on our web site
2. Obtain a list of grants awarded to other community colleges

4. Ways to Improve Communication

1. Use Sinclair's portal to set up a community of practice for sharing ideas and seeking help
2. Create an internal listserv for project directors
3. Create an Outlook distribution list to share
4. Share NSF grant activities with all faculty
 - Poster sessions at the October 31 CIL open house (contact Keith Knox)
 - Poster sessions at the October 13 college learning day
 - Poster sessions at the 2004 Fall Conference
1. Monica Pfarr will pull the group together who will be traveling to DC for the NSF project director's meeting



What is the ownership of the network?

1. George Sehi, David Siefert, and Neil Herbkersman will plan the next steps
2. Create a steering group of eight people:
 - Deans of Business Technology, Engineering and Industrial Technologies, Liberal Arts and Sciences
 - One faculty member from each division; membership rotates annually: Business Technology, Engineering and Industrial Technologies, Liberal Arts and Sciences
 - David Siefert
 - Sinclair Grants Office
1. The steering group reports activities to the Vice President for Instruction
2. Report to Provost Work Group—via Vice President for Instruction
3. Inform NSF staff
4. Plan for quarterly sessions for the larger group; communicate electronically between sessions



What are the
measures of
success?

1. Keep NSF staff informed and happy
2. Align NSF grants with institutional mission, vision, strategic plan
3. Develop others as the network unfolds