

Catholic Higher Education Research Cooperative (CHERC)
SIG Attendance & Minutes - AIR Forum 2012

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1. We need additional opportunities to secure participation by other Catholic colleges beyond the Northeast region. Also, can the CHERC Forum, when held at either a Midwest or West location, happen in conjunction with other meetings, conferences attended by Catholic colleges, to allow easier logistics for attendance?

- This will require coordination of calendars
- Will need strategic planning

2. PROJECT: We'll be putting out short surveys to members about the timing of the Forum and location.

3. PROJECT: A list needs to be compiled of areas of expertise of CHERC members so individuals can be quickly called upon to answer media/external inquiries; ACCU has particular need for this.

4. ACCU Request for Proposals: How can we start earlier on this proposal process? The Executive Director of ACCU set forth a generous offer for supporting research, but the short time frame for submission, just two weeks after the announcement at the Forum, inhibited some.

- Uses for funds: G.A., Stat Person
- Mike Cogan – There was no response to the ACCU RFP when it was issued.
- Possible Research Area e.g. Student Learning Outcomes for Student Ministry

PROJECT: Gerry McLaughlin and Linda Junker are working on creating a CDS-like data collection document for distribution to Catholic colleges. Once the document is complete and data requested and received, the Catholic CDS's can be posted on ACCU and CHERC website. In particular, the Catholic college CDS would be a good source for information on Campus Ministry and service organizations on campuses. Some of Gerry and Linda's question formulation process will deal with whether or not to include some difficult questions, for example, religious affiliation of faculty.

5. LISTSERV: Still being maintained by Pat Mizak. Please use it more frequently.

6. CHERC: As a reminder, the new fiscal year begins July 1st

Discussion: What some of our member schools are researching:

San Diego University: collecting every area on campus doing some kind of mission and ministry activity. A matrix that is being developed will give a profile of where work is going on.

University of Cincinnati: Why do students self-select an institution, because of the mission?

Jessica Ikes: Gathering general information about student reaction to Catholic Mission.

Laura: Doing a project to categorize results of a survey of hers; the inventory would then be prepared for eventual distribution.