Social Responsibility Working Group
Service Sub-Group

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Members present: Dianne Oliver, Geoffrey Edwards, David Kirkwood, Allyson Hoch, and Bill Hemminger (co-chair)

We discussed the proposed goals posed by Bill via email prior to the meeting.

- UE should create an inventory of existing service activities.
- UE should build a campus between Evansville-community organizations and UE Office of Student Engagement. (This wish requires resources, maybe infrastructure.)
- UE should enhance possibilities of faculty-led service learning courses. (Also implies resources)
- UE should establish better on-going connections among campus groups working with and for community organizations.

This led to a conversation of identifying categories:

1. Community Service
   a. Create an inventory of what is available
   b. Create an inventory of what is done
2. Partnerships with community organizations
   a. “needs”
   b. Educate community organizations of how UE can connect to needs
   c. Long-term relationships/commitment
3. Community-based learning
   a. Support for faculty-led Community-Based Learning courses
      i. Need infrastructure
      ii. Resources $
      iii. Communication

Other conversations points related to an umbrella statement related to the UE core purpose of “preparing students to engage the world as informed, ETHICAL, and productive citizens.” The social responsibility working group would like to see a structure that would support the mission statement that connects “global citizens” and “social responsibility”.

We also identified the need to rename the Volunteer Services Office in order to reflect a shift in approach to addressing community needs. A new name was proposed to be The Office of Community Service and Partnerships.

Bill was going to summarize his comments on how this fits together with the big umbrella and Dianne was going to summarize her comments on social responsibility and globalization as it relates to university priorities.