**DATE:** March 5, 2015

**TO:** Full-time, tenure track SNC Faculty

**FROM:** Deirdre Egan-Ryan, Ph.D. and Nancy Mathias

 The Sturzl Center for Community Service and Learning

**RE:** **ACADEMIC SERVICE-LEARNING**

 **FACULTY FELLOWS FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**Dear Colleagues:**

In collaboration with the Academic Dean’s office, the Sturzl Center for Community Service and Learning invites faculty to apply for the 2015-2016 Faculty Fellows for Community Engagement.

**Goals:**

* Improve student learning and reinvigorate teaching through innovative pedagogies
* Enhance a supportive teaching community through shared faculty discussion and learning
* Encourage deep thinking on the scholarship of teaching and learning

**Program Description & Expectations:**

Together over the course of six dinner meetings, the Fellows will read and discuss scholarship intended to expose them to the field of community engagement, academic service-learning, and community based research. Readings will be pragmatic, theoretical and cross-disciplinary, in order to foster the learning of all Fellows including those new to community engagement and those who are more experienced in the offering of such courses. Along with discussion of the logistics and debates about implementing community engagement into coursework, dinner meetings will include guest speakers from the field and a panel of current practitioners. Additionally, Fellows will engage in a day of community service locally, using this experience as an object lesson for how they might effectively integrate and evaluate community engagement in their courses.

Each Fellow will be expected to engage in the activities of the fellowship described above, and complete a Community Engagement Project. Fellows will be given the opportunity to receive feedback on these projects in a workshop format as part of the group’s discussion.

The project might be:

* Curricular: including revision or enhancement of a current course, or the development of a new course that engages in the community
* Research: including the scholarship of teaching and learning about community engagement (e.g.: conference papers and/or the submission of manuscripts to journals in the field)
* Alternate: another community engagement project designed by the Faculty Fellow

**Faculty Fellows for Community Engagement Status:**

Six Faculty Fellows will be appointed for a one-year term and will be awarded a stipend of $1500. The group will be composed of faculty at all ranks in the tenure and promotion process. Preference will be given to applicants who have not participated in the Faculty Fellows in prior years. Applications will be reviewed by a committee comprised of the Director of Academic Service-Learning, the Director of the Sturzl Center, as well as representatives from the Academic Service-Learning Advisory Committee.

The Deadline for applications is April 2, 2015, and applicants will be advised of their status by April 15, 2015.

If you have any questions, please contact Deirdre Egan-Ryan (Director of Academic Service-Learning) at <deirdre.egan@snc.edu>.

**APPLICATION FORM**

**2015-16 FACULTY FELLOWS FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Faculty Fellow for Community Engagement in the 2015-2016 academic year.

Please fill out this form, considering that the goals of the Faculty Fellows are to:

* Improve student learning and reinvigorate teaching through innovative pedagogies
* Enhance supportive teaching community through shared faculty discussion and learning
* Encourage deep thinking on the scholarship of teaching and learning

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**Name:**

**Position:**

**Discipline:**

**Campus Address:**

**Phone:**

**Email:**

**Please attach a word document briefly describing your potential involvement as a Faculty Fellow in approximately 500-750 words.**

**A.) Why would you like to become a Faculty Fellow for Community Engagement?**

You might address the following:

* What do you hope to gain as part of this group? In other words, how might your involvement enhance your own learning, teaching and/or research?
* What do you hope to contribute to the group? In other words, how might your involvement enhance the group’s experience?

**B.) Describe the project you envision undertaking as a Fellow. The project might be:**

* Curricular: including revision or enhancement of a current course, or the development of a new course that engages in the community.
* Research: including the scholarship of teaching and learning about community engagement (e.g.: conference papers and/or the submission of manuscripts to journals in the field.)
* Alternate: another community engagement project designed by the Faculty Fellow

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Date

Please submit completed applications to the Sturzl Center for Community Service and Learning (TWH M36 or <sturzlcenter@snc.edu>) by 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 2, 2015. You will be notified as to the status of your application by April 15**.**