Broadening Impact: NSF-Funded Projects at Two-Year Colleges

Small Group Breakout Sessions
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Facilitated Breakouts – Purpose

• To learn about, discuss, and provide suggestions for:

1. what might make the community college grant proposal process to NSF more effective

2. which key community college issues (STEM-related) might require greater investment from NSF
• 3:15 p.m.  Introductions

• 3:30 p.m.  Table Discussions 1: Challenges to Submitting Grant Applications
  – What are the top five challenges that get in the way of community colleges developing and submitting proposals to the National Science Foundation?

• 4:15 p.m.  Table Discussions 2: Areas of Greatest Need for STEM Education
  – If NSF could expand or broaden its support of STEM education in community colleges, which issues have the greatest need for attention?

• 5:25 p.m.  Next Steps

• 5:30 p.m.  Adjourn
Process

• Ten Rooms
• Trained Room Facilitator in Every Room
• Trained Table Facilitator at Every Table
• Every Table Discusses both Topics
  – Produces Summary Worksheet to Report Back in their Room
  – Hands in Worksheets at the End
• Worksheets are reviewed/summarized tonight
• At tomorrow’s 11am plenary, we will provide high level summary of the collective responses across 10 rooms, 35+ tables
Ten Rooms & Location

• On this level:
  – Tyler, Taylor, Truman, Madison A, Madison B

• On lower level:
  – Lincoln 2, Lincoln 3, Lincoln 4, Lincoln 5, Lincoln 6

• Your Room Assignment: on the back of your name badge
Ground Rules

• Speak openly and honestly

• Listen carefully to what others have to say

• Keep comments *brief* and to the point

• Stay on task
• **What you will produce**
  – Each Table: A summary report/worksheet re:
    • top challenges to submitting grant proposals and
    • top college issues for NSF’s consideration

• **What we will produce**
  – A brief, high-level summary report - derived from the 10 rooms/37 tables re:
    • the top grant proposal challenges
    • the top issues for NSF’s consideration
Think Tank

• Do your best thinking … and wear your Sector hat!

• Provide great suggestions for community colleges that help to refine how to approach key challenges

• Provide great suggestions that will be useful for NSF to consider, post-conference