A Dominican Model of Partnership

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Overview

• Our Institutions and the Dominican Ethos
  • A Conversation: What does the Dominican Ethos look like at your institutions?

• The Need for Partnerships
  • A Conversation: What are the needs and opportunities in your communities?

• The Dominican Model of Partnership
  • A Conversation: Digging deeper into future/current partnerships.
Two Dominican Institutions
Institutional Characteristics

**Barry University**

- Doctoral/Research Institution
- Student population: 8000
- Motto: Learn, Reflect, Serve

**Edgewood College**

- Doctoral Institution
- Student population: 2800
- Motto: Cor ad Cor Loquitur - “Heart Speaks to Heart”
The Dominican Ethos at Barry University and Edgewood College

Core Commitments:
- Knowledge and Truth
- Inclusive Community
- Social Justice
- Collaborative Service

- Dominican Values
- Studium: Study, Reflect, Act
- Cor ad cor questions
Dominican Ethos (at Barry and Edgewood)
The Dominican Ethos – A Conversation

• How do you see the Dominican Ethos manifested at your institution?
• What are the similarities and differences?
Why Partnerships?

• The national call for partnerships in higher education
  (AACU, 2007; Boyer, 1996; Carnegie, 2006)

• Catholic Dominican institutions and community engagement
  (Hilkert, 1996; Shulman, 2002; Sullivan & Post, 2011)

• The signs of the times and the needs in our communities
  (Adrian Dominican Sisters General Chapter 2016 Enactments; Bouchard et al., 2012; Hill & Hill, 2008; Sinsinawa Dominicans, 2012.)
Traits of Effective and Sustainable Partnerships

Partnerships
• Trust and respect
• Dialogue and open communication
• Collaboration to address common needs
• Mutually determined goals
• Shared Vision

Dominican Ethos
Using the practices of…
• building community
• fostering collaboration and mutuality of decision making
• using a reflective process

…supports best practices in forming and maintaining partnerships.

(Harkavy & Hartley, 2009)
Partnerships in Your Community – A Conversation

What are the signs of the times and needs in your community that might be addressed through partnerships?
Process of Creating a Dominican Model of Partnership
Dominican Model of Partnership

Desire to Build Community

Building Community
Searching for Truth
Cultivating Diversity
Inspiring Compassion
Promoting the Common Good and Social Justice

Practices of Dominican Partnership
Dominican Ethos

Reflection
Collaboration
Mutuality
Building from a solid foundation….

Barry University

- Carnegie Community Engagement Classification
- BU Mission calls for “serving community through collaborative and mutually productive partnerships.”
- Grant support for a variety of Partnerships
- Strategic planning includes community engagement as high priority

Edgewood College

- Carnegie Community Engagement Classification
- Partnership has changed the Ed D curriculum.
- “Their model encompasses this ethos… These are not typical areas I would consider when forming partnerships at a two year, public institution of higher education. This reflection allowed me this opportunity and in doing so, I see that this model is highly applicable to any institution, not just ones under the Dominican faith.”
- Strategic planning included Building Community as a major theme and partnerships as a means to build community
Digging Deeper – A Conversation

• Do you observe any of the practices of the DMP in your current partnerships?
• What might you consider as you approach new partnerships?
References


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Questions?

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