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Faculty Development & Mentorship in Community Engagement

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Living the Land-Grant Mission through Engaged Teaching & Learning

- Engaged Teaching is a cross-curricular pedagogy with robust practices and outcomes.
- Engaged Teaching connects the classroom to our mission of Engagement.
- Resourcing faculty for engaged teaching requires investment in structures for engagement.



I. Engaged Teaching is a Pedagogy

- Engaged Teaching is more than an ideal but a set of practices grounded in research.
- It is challenging, complicated and messy.... And impactful, creative, relevant and exciting.

 It has potential for good and ill. Poorly constructed and poorly delivered it can do more harm than good. Well constructed engagement has proven positive impact.



II. Engaged Teaching Impacts Student Learning & Development

- **High Impact Practices** Contribute significantly to mediating variables impacting student "success" (AACU; Kuh 2008)
- Specific impact of Service-Learning on Students
 - Critical thinking and writing skills (Astin, Vogelgesand, Ikeda and Yee, 2000)
 - Understanding course content (McKenna and Rizzo, 1990; Eyler and Giles, 1999; Markus et al, 1993)
 - Enhances civic engagement & develops Sociopolitical beliefs (Astin et al, 2000; Vogelgesand and Astin, 2000)



Service-Learning

"... a form of experiential education [engaged teaching] in which students engage in activities that address human and community needs together with structured opportunities intentionally designed to promote student learning and development."

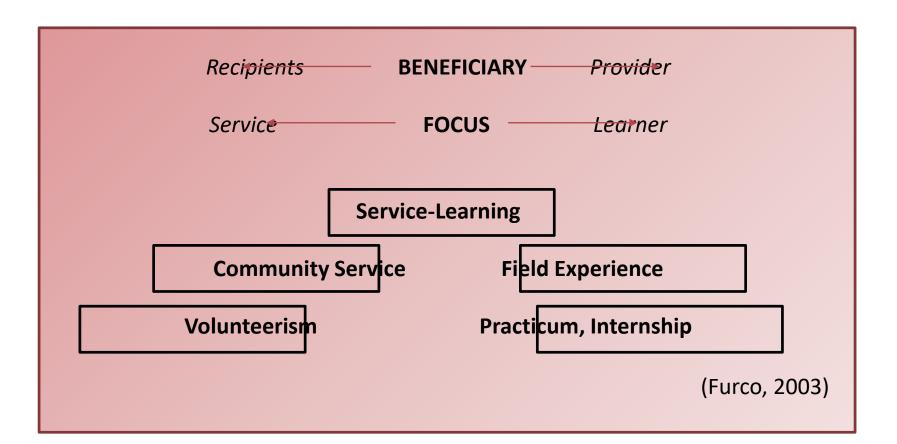
(Jacoby, 2006)

Foundations:

- John Dewey and William James
- Rise of Campus Compact in mid-1980s and 1990s



Distinctions among service programs





Components of Service-Learning

- Experiential and reflective education
- Integration of academic learning and relevant community service
- Reciprocal collaboration between campus and community partners
- Enhancing academic rigor
- Structured time for critical reflection



Snapshots of Engaged Teaching Across NC State



III. Resourcing faculty for engaged teaching requires investment in structures that support effective engagement.

Where we stand What investment can enable

Three-quarters of urban universities' mission statements now include commitments to public service, according to a recent study by the University of Virginia's Thriving Cities Lab. With public-funding cuts, neighborhood crises, and a new sense of responsibility, institutions can no longer operate in a silo. A commitment to collaboration helps **attract students and employees, earn goodwill, and increase opportunities for your institution.**

• Chronicle of Higher Education, The Campus as City