

Bay View Alliance Steering Committee Meeting

June 14-16, 2016

Colorado University at Boulder

Meeting Summary

The Bay View Alliance's spring Steering Committee meeting was held from June 14-16, 2017 on the campus of the University of Colorado at Boulder. The Steering Committee met for two days furthering the work of the RACs and discussing the future of the BVA.

The four RACs provided updates and workshopped ideas based around their themes. RAC1 expanded course transformation scholarship and practice through its two initiatives, TRESTLE and CHRP. RAC2 focused on curricular assessment. RAC3 furthered its efforts to *optimize learning environments through learning analytics* and RAC4 advanced its work on the evaluation of teaching through the submission of a [Collaborative NSF IUJE](#) Proposal in January 2017.

The Steering Committee discussed the potential for an additional RAC focused on engagement-based or experiential learning activities. The aim would be to increase the overall value of student educational experience without increasing educational costs. There was significant interest among Steering Committee members in pursuing this RAC, which would likely be led by UT Austin. The initiative also could fit as a second project under the existing RAC2.

The second day of the meeting focused primarily on the work of the BVA committees and on plans for the sustainability of the BVA. Some key Governance actions proposed by the committee and confirmed at the meeting include:

1. An affirmation of the BVA's decision to work with a committee structure including three committees;
2. A decision to move to one in-person Steering Committee meeting per year in 2017 and 2018, and one or two virtual meetings;
3. Clarification of the process for selecting new members of the BVA Hub;
4. Creation of the position of Associate Alliance Director to assist the Director and implement succession planning for the BVA
5. Establishment of a process nominating and selecting the Associate Alliance Director

The Funding/Niche committee discussed their three-pronged approach including: niche, business model, and funding. The breakout session focused on planning for next steps of a grant proposal to support the central work of the BVA and identifying possible expansion opportunities. The committee planned to investigate Canadian sources of funding with the possibility of submitting applications to the NSF and a Canadian funder in tandem. The committee also agreed to further investigate the possibility of adding additional campus members to the BVA.

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The Communication committee, which keeps BVA activities and lessons learned visible to participants and institutional leaders on member campuses, and colleagues beyond the BVA, moved a number of initiatives forward including:

- Adding an extended tagline and “blurb,” capturing the focus of the BVA, to the website home page
- Adding a dynamic “What’s New” section to the home page
- Adding the BVA driver diagram to the Members Only section of the website
- Posting the TRESTLE benchmark case studies on the password-protected section of the BVA website.
- Releasing the first issue of the BVA e-newsletter
- Launching a series of blog posts based on the TRESTLE case studies

[Emily Miller](#), associate vice president for policy at the Association of American Universities (AAU), provided an update on the work of the AAU’s STEM initiative. She also identified several links between the efforts of the AAU and BVA. She pointed to an approach to systemic and sustainable change to undergraduate STEM teaching and learning found in the STEM Framework. The framework recognizes the wider setting in which educational innovations take place – the department, the college, the university and the national level – and addresses the key institutional elements necessary for sustained improvement to undergraduate STEM education. These are the very institutional levels that the BVA is focused on as it works to improve undergraduate education.

The Steering Committee had a lengthy discussion on the sustainability of the BVA and the possibility of applying for a NSF grant in January 2018, which would enhance the growth and sustainability of the BVA as well as afford research on the network and its unique contribution to systemic change in higher education.



**Steering Committee Meeting Participants
June 13-15, 2017**

1. Sunita Chowrira, University of British Columbia
2. Noah Finkelstein, University of Colorado Boulder
3. Andrea Greenhoot, BVA Hub
4. Jim Greer, University of Saskatchewan
5. Brita Harrison Brooke, BVA Program Manager
6. Mary Huber, BVA Hub
7. Anne-Barrie Hunter, University of Colorado, Boulder
8. Pat Hutchings, BVA Hub
9. Harrison Keller, University of Texas at Austin
10. Emily Miller, Association of American Universities
11. Jennifer Normanly, University of Massachusetts Amherst
12. Stephanie Pulford, UC Davis
13. George Rehrey, Indiana University
14. Linda Shepard, Indiana University
15. Linda Slakey, BVA Hub
16. Mary Deane Sorcinelli, BVA Hub
17. Doug Ward, University of Kansas
18. Lorne Whitehead, BVA Hub



**BVA Steering Committee Meeting Agenda
June 14-16, 2017**

Wednesday June 14

Hotel Boulderado

2115 13th Street
Boulder, Colorado 80302
(303) 442-4344

Time	Activity	Details
7:00-9:00pm	Welcome Dinner/Reception <u>License No 1</u> Hotel Boulderado (reservation: Bay View Alliance)	Private room downstairs Full meal hors d'oeuvres available

Thursday June 15

University of Colorado Boulder

Benson Earth Science, Room 380
2200 Colorado Avenue

Time	Activity	Details
7:45am	Meet for Taxis	Meet in the hotel lobby for taxis to UC Boulder
8:00-8:45am	Breakfast	Hot breakfast available
8:45-9:05am	Introduction Lorne Whitehead	Lorne to welcome SC participants and provide an overview and update on the BVA
9:05-9:35am	Welcome from UC Boulder TBC	Welcome and overview from hosts
9:35-10:45am	RAC Panel Mary Huber	RAC Leaders to provide brief overview of the work of each RAC (5 minutes each) General discussion/questions
10:45-11:00am	Break	
11:00-12:30pm	Evaluating Teaching RAC Jennifer Normanly	Working Session



12:30-1:30pm	Lunch & Informal Networking	Buffet lunch available
1:30-3:00pm	Learning Analytics RAC Dennis Groth/George Rehrey	Working Session
3:00-3:15pm	Break	
3:15-4:45pm	Course Transformation RAC Dea Greenhoot	Working Session
4:45-6:00pm	Experiential Learning RAC Discussion Mary Deane Sorcinelli	Pre-reading: Proposal on possible Experiential Learning RAC
6:00-6:30pm	Travel to dinner	Break and travel to Spruce Farm & Fish restaurant
6:30-8:30pm	Dinner & Discussion Spruce Farm & Fish Hotel Boulderado (reservation: Bay View Alliance)	Table discussions on the overlaps and synergies among RACs (Lorne Whitehead)

Friday June 16

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Benson Earth Science, Room 380

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Time	Activity	Details
7:45am	Meet for Taxis	Meet in the hotel lobby for taxis to UC Boulder
8:00-8:30am	Breakfast	Hot breakfast available
8:30-9:45am	Campus Informal Presentations Dea Greenhoot	Campus sharing (informal) One or two related efforts/initiatives on campus
9:45-10:30am	Debrief on Campus Activity Dea Greenhoot	Discussion on interrelated campus initiatives
10:30-10:45am	Break	
10:45-11:15am	Committee Overviews Pat Hutchings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications • Governance



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fundraising/Niche <p>Pre-reading: please see the individual committee updates/motions</p>
11:15-12:00pm	Committee Break Outs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications • Governance • Fundraising/Niche
12:00-12:30pm	Committees Report Back Pat Hutchings	Approval of committee motions/proposals (if needed)
12:30-1:15pm	Lunch & Speaker Introduction: Linda Slakey	Emily Miller, AAU Lunch speaker & discussion
1:15-2:45pm	Organizing for sustainability of the Bay View Alliance Linda Slakey	<p>Pre-reading: Kezar & Gehrke chapters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion • Planning for the next level of NSF support
2:45-3:00pm	Steering Committee Meeting Wrap Up Lorne Whitehead	Reflections on meeting accomplishments and next steps

Next Steering Committee Meetings:

December 4-5, 2017 – Virtual (online) meeting

June 4-5, 2018 – Location TBD