Scholars for Community Outreach, Partnership and Engagement (SCOPE): Birthing and Growing a Campus-Wide Engaged Scholarship Umbrella Organization

The University of Alabama

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Origins

- Conversations following NOSC 2008
- Spring of 2009: Recruitment/organizing students
- Fall 2009: First meetings
- Fall 2009: Sent our first Emerging Engagement Scholar to NOSC
- Fall 2010: SCOPE officially “born”
University of Alabama Context

--Carnegie Classification (2008)


--“Make service learning a hallmark component of the experience and education The University of Alabama offers its Students”

--Multiple opportunities for and types of student involvement in research
Support Structure for SCOPE

- The Graduate School
- All Colleges at the university
- Honors College and New College
- Center for Community-Based Partnerships
- CCBP Council, Seed Grants and JCES
SCOPE Mission and Objectives

Mission: To create a culture of engagement through support of student involvement in engaged research

Workshops, support of mentored relationships, induction into activities related to engaged scholarship, leadership in the campus community
Accomplishments

- Continued presence of scholars at the NOSC Emerging Engagement Scholars Workshop
- Formation of SCOPE Steering Committee
- Successful workshops during the 2010-2011 year
- Mentoring
- Engaged Scholarship and IRB
Looking Toward the Future

- Areas for further development and growth
- Negotiation of student voice and direction within SCOPE
- Implementation of coordinated engagement research development for undergraduates and graduate students
- Data collection on service learning and engagement research
Questions and Considerations

- In what ways can we support multiple voices within student-based engagement scholarship groups?

- What developmental trajectories need to be acknowledged in our support of students as engaged scholars?

- In what ways do our institutional contexts continue to shape the support of students’ engaged scholarship?