

Provost's ICCE Council

End of Semester Report – May 2024

Membership

Chair(s): Keith Holland

Members: Andrea Adams, Suzanne Bergmeister, Connie Frigo, Kathryn Logan, Jonathan Spindel

Charge: To serve as a key hub for communication, sharing, planning and collaboration for ICCE activities on campus. Council members will share the activities in their individual areas and bring more of a focus on ICCE to faculty and students across campus as we grow our efforts in this area. To work closely with the ICCE Coordinating Group as they establish strategy and vision for our ICCE efforts

Summary of Current Semester Activity:

- The ICCE Council convened monthly in the Spring 2024 semester to assist with planning and development of programming for the planned Harrisonburg Innovation Hub. Allison Dugan, Director of the Shenandoah Valley Small Business Development Center, also participated in the planning discussions.
- The Council developed a purpose statement for JMU's involvement with the Harrisonburg Innovation Hub to provide guidance in developing programming within the space: "Create opportunities for community innovators and businesses to connect with university faculty, students, and creators." Goals include:
 - Supporting the small-business and entrepreneurial ecosystem networks within the region.
 - Showcasing faculty and student research, creativity, and expertise to the regional business and innovation community.
 - Fostering and supporting partnerships that advance research, learning, and opportunities for the community, faculty, and students.
- Potential programming ideas were generated and explored with numerous units throughout campus.
- Based on potential programming suggestions, the ICCE Council provided guidance on the design and furnishing of the space, which is now under construction.
- The ICCE Council provided guidance and recommendations for the long-planned "innovation resources" website, to be implemented in the summer of 2024 by the Research, Economic Development, and Innovation team.

Future Work Planned:

- Members will continue to guide planning and implementation of programming within the Harrisonburg Innovation Hub, slated to open in early September 2024.