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## National Conference Proposal

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**Laura Pipe** <Impipe@uncg.edu>

Wed, Jul 8, 2015 at 12:30 PM

To: Alan Boyette &lt;jaboyett@uncg.edu&gt;

Cc: Jennifer Stephens &lt;jennifer.stephens@uncg.edu&gt;

Good Morning Alan,

I hope you are well and had a wonderful vacation.

Below is information on a proposal that was put in quite a while ago (mid-April) to present at the National Learning Communities Conference about the faculty development work in the Residential Colleges. Residential Colleges fall under the scope of research and practice for learning communities, so it is an ideal fit for that work. The hope of attending this conference was not only to continue UNCG's national work within the network, but also introduce Jennifer to a number of they key national leaders in the field.

I know given the fluid nature of the budget that this might not be possible, but I wanted to send this forward in case there was an opportunity for Jennifer and I to attend. You will notice from the e-mail below, Rich Higgason requested that we revise the proposal to better align the RC language with (residential) learning communities. The opportunity to revise a proposal for acceptance is quite rare with this group and I believe that it is a sign of the national LC network's desire to continue their partnership with UNCG.

As I said, I know budgets are extremely fluid right now. However, in light of the national movement's continued connection to UNCG, I would like to at least notify Rich if we are not able to attend (as soon as we can), so that he can find an alternate presentation if necessary.

I have attached the revised proposal. Just to give you an estimated cost, registration (\$350 a person), hotel and airfare would be about \$2000 total for us both to go. (<http://www.nlconference.org/>)

Please let me know your thoughts and the best way to proceed,

Thank you and best wishes, Laura

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From: **Rich.Higgason** <[Rich.Higgason@mccck.edu](mailto:Rich.Higgason@mccck.edu)>

Date: Mon, Jun 22, 2015 at 3:08 PM

Subject: RE: NLCC Proposal Form: Laura Pipe

To: Laura Pipe <[Impipe@uncg.edu](mailto:Impipe@uncg.edu)>

Laura—

This looks good. You've focused more on the Learning Community aspects, which is what the committee wanted. And now...

Congratulations!

The National Learning Communities Conference Committee has selected your proposal, "Teaching in the 21st Century: The Role of Faculty Development and Learning Communities in Transforming Learning in a New Century" for inclusion in the 20th Annual NLCC Conference. Your presentation is scheduled for **Friday, November 13th at 3:30-4:15 p.m. in the Brookside room** (holds 40). Please forward this information to your co-presenters.

All presentations, with the exception of pre-conference workshops sponsored by the National Learning Communities Consortium, have been allotted 45 minutes. You will be provided with an LCD projector for use during your presentation. You will need to provide your own laptop. Also, please prepare that internet access may not be available in the presentation rooms

We devoted considerable effort to assembling a well-balanced program and placed each presentation with an eye towards the overall plan of the conference. We therefore ask that no requests for time or day changes be made unless it is absolutely necessary.

**All presenters must register for the conference. Please visit <http://NLCCConference.org> to register.**

At this point, we ask that you **submit a 100 words or less blurb for the program**. Please include your names and institutions as you would like them to appear in the program. In addition, since this is a Learning Community conference, we ask that you emphasize the Learning Community content in your program description blurb. Please send this material directly to me as soon as you can (but no later than **July 31**).

If you have any question or concerns, please feel free to contact me at [rich.higgason@mccckc.edu](mailto:rich.higgason@mccckc.edu). On behalf of the NLCC Conference Committee, I want to thank you for your efforts to make the 20th Annual National Learning Communities Conference a vibrant learning opportunity for our attendees.

Sincerely,

--Rich

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**From:** Laura Pipe [mailto:[lpipes@uncg.edu](mailto:lpipes@uncg.edu)]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2015 12:23 PM  
**To:** Rich.Higgason

**Subject:** Re: NLCC Proposal Form: Laura Pipe

Good Afternoon Rich,

Please take a look at the attached revision - the context is much the same, but more heavily focused on how learning community literature and practice are being used to shape pan-university teaching. If this doesn't quite fit what you need, let me know and I will happily revise it tomorrow morning.

Thank you again, Laura

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On Jun 18, 2015, at 3:36 PM, Rich.Higgason <[Rich.Higgason@MCCKC.EDU](mailto:Rich.Higgason@MCCKC.EDU)> wrote:

Laura—

The NLCC committee was very interested in your session proposal entitled, "Teaching in the 21st Century: The role of faculty development and learning communities in transforming learning in a new century" and think it might be a good fit for the upcoming NLCC 2015 conference. However, we'd like to see it revised to place more emphasis on Learning Communities. Doing so would assure that it is a good fit for the conference as well as reach out more to the audience that attends.

If possible, we're really like the revision by July 1<sup>st</sup> (I know this is short notice. Please let me know if this is an unreasonable request).

--Rich

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**From:** [Impipe@uncg.edu](mailto:Impipe@uncg.edu) [mailto:[Impipe@uncg.edu](mailto:Impipe@uncg.edu)]

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 14, 2015 12:10 PM

**To:** Rich.Higgason; William.Young

**Subject:** NLCC Proposal Form: Laura Pipe

A submission has been made from the following website, NLC Conference - [Call for Proposal form](#).

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**Title:** Teaching in the 21st Century: The role of faculty development and learning communities in transforming learning in a new century

**Track:** Best Practices

**A/V Needs:** Projector

**Additional Presenters:** Jennifer Stephens

**Description:**

The University of North Carolina at Greensboro is embarking on a new vision of learning for the 21st century learner. UNCG has four residential college programs, with the oldest established in 1970, that were created to transform the liberal arts in the mid-20th century. However, our students, faculty, and University have changed significantly since that time. Therefore, UNCG has begun re-envisioning what the liberal arts, general education, and teaching mean in a new century that is marked with global change at unprecedented speeds.

The newly reimagined residential colleges act as teaching laboratories for faculty development, while engaging students in interdisciplinary critical inquiry. The programs support students across the University's College and Schools, while providing seasoned and future faculty the opportunity to explore pedagogy, update curriculum, and imagine new pathways for general education. In this session, we will discuss the transition of the residential colleges to lab schools, the role of faculty development, and the re-engagement of undergraduate teaching. Participants will have the opportunity to brainstorm the role of faculty development in their own learning community programs, while exploring the role of learning communities in training future faculty and celebrating excellence in teaching. We will provide sample course redesign, intentional strategies for gaining faculty support, and lessons learned from a year of transition. Additional topics include scaling of programs, student recruitment to interdisciplinary programs, and the role of faculty development at access institutions.

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Wed, Jul 8, 2015 at 12:36 PM

Hi Laura,

Congratulations on the acceptance of your proposal! I am hopeful that we will be able to support participation by both you and Jennifer at this national conference. I'll be in touch soon.

Best regards,  
Alan

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