

Senate Community Engagement Committee End of Year Report AY 24-25

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During the 2024-2205 academic year, the Senate Community Engagement Committee met regularly, discussed a wide range of topics and had a number of accomplishments.

We began our year in September by reviewing our charge and membership; we made one alteration based on the work that the Committee was already doing. We added managing OU's community engagement awards to the charge. We continued that work and awarded the faculty, staff and community partner awards. In addition, we named the awards this year. The faculty award is now the Kevin J. Corcoran Faculty Community Engagement Award; the staff award is now the C. Robert Maxfield Community Engagement Award; the community partner award is now the Thomas Kimble Community Partner Award. The Committee also established a community engagement award for students, which will be named the Jean Ann Miller Student Community Engagement Award.

The Committee awarded the existing awards to the following individuals:

- Faculty: Prof Kwame Sakyi, SHS
- Staff: Steve Meyer, SEHS
- Community Partner: Sarah Gilstorf, Community First Health Center

We drafted a Community Engagement Glossary of terms to help get everyone at OU and in the community on the same page with what we mean when we use certain community engagement terms. We are working to get this glossary added to the OU website.

We also had many discussions about the new Strategic Vision and how OU's community engagement work can and will fit into that Vision.

Finally, we reviewed our charge at the end of the year and talked about the Committee's goals for next year.