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Babson/Olin/Wellesley Three College Collaboration

2013

A JOINT COLLABORATION AMONG BABSON, OLIN AND WELLESELY COLLEGES.

For recent updates and upcoming events, be sure to visit our website <http://bow3colleges.org> and follow the Collaboration on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

New Faculty Steering Committee Named

This December, Babson’s Vikki Rodgers, Wellesley’s Ted Ducas, and Olin’s Jean Huang have been named to the Collaboration’s Joint Faculty Steering committee.

The Joint Faculty Steering Committee is the driving force of the Collaboration. The overall charge of the Committee is to broaden and deepen interest among the community in the Collaboration. The Committee has a high level of autonomy to experiment and innovate.

Each committee member serves as the point person on each campus for communication and dialogue about the Collaboration. Specifically activities include but are not limited to:

- creating new academic opportunities and ensuring that existing programs are impactful;
- setting the goals and processes for the distribution of Three College Innovation funds such as seed funding for new initiatives through either grants or

targeted opportunities;

- working with the administrative director (currently Joanne Kossuth of Olin) and support staff to organize the semi-annual retreats and other programs and activities of mutual interest to the three campuses; and

- lowering barriers to doing activities across institutions: maintain clear channels for communication that enable efficient fixes for logistical problems that arise across institutions.

The Committee is made up of a faculty member from each campus selected by their respective provost, in consultation with the other two provosts, because of their passion and dedication to the Collaboration. The terms of appointment are set by mutual agreement. The Committee meets regularly with the provosts and administrative director to assure continuity and institutional support.

Click [here](#) for a full version of the charter .



Wintersession 2014

This January twelve students from the Collaboration, led by Janna Zimmermann ('14, Wellesley) and Wendy Sachs ('14, Babson) are working with the Dorchester non-profit [Healthworks Community Fitness](#). Participants will work directly with the organization in an effort to help them provide safe sources of respite and empowerment for women who wouldn't otherwise have access to fitness opportunities and health support. This is the fourth iteration of a two-week January program which is entirely student directed.



Innovation Grants 2014

Interested in applying for an Innovation Grant for 2014? Applications are available [HERE](#).

As part of the Collaboration, the college presidents have established the **Presidential Innovation Project Fund**, which is available to the Babson, Olin, and Wellesley communities for projects that will enhance the BOW Three College Collaboration and the overall student educational experience.

The **Presidential Innovation Grants** offer an opportunity for members of the BOW Three College Collaboration – faculty, staff, and students – to submit project proposals related to the enhancement of the collaboration. The number of pro-

jects funded and the amount of the awards will vary from year to year based on project merit and available budget. The majority of awards will likely total between \$500 and \$2,000 but in exceptional cases, awards of up to \$10,000 will be considered. The members of the BOW Faculty Steering Committee will assist in reviewing proposals and making recommendations on awards for approval by the college presidents.

**PROPOSALS ARE DUE
JANUARY 31, 2014.**

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Requires participation from at least two of the colleges. Participation from all three is preferable.
- Participation from multiple constituencies. Participation from faculty, staff, and students is preferable.
- Impact on the BOW Three College Collaboration.
- Self-contained nature of the projects (those that require on-going support will need to show other sources of support for continuation).
- Plan for assessment of project's outcome and dissemination of work.

The Babson/Olin/Wellesley Three College Collaboration is excited to announce the third round of grants from the **Presidential Innovation Fund**.

For information about the successes of past year's Innovation Fund Projects, please click [HERE](#).

FACULTY LUNCHES AND STAFF RECEPTIONS



So far, we've hosted two Faculty Lunches and two Staff Receptions at three colleges. These events are opportunities for members of the Collaboration to come together in a relaxed social setting. Hope you can join us for our last [Faculty Lunch](#) at Wellesley on April 8th & for our [Staff Reception](#) at Olin on April 17th.

June Faculty Retreat Suggestions Implemented

Our June 17th Faculty Retreat was well attended with a total of 56 participants this included 31 representatives from Babson, 12 from Olin, and 7 from Wellesley.

Among the many pieces of positive feedback we received were a number of suggestions about how the Collaboration could see immediate improvements. Here are a few we've implemented:

Suggestion: Research other collaborations
Implementation: Faculty steering committee reviewed [Collaborations Among Tertiary Organizations: State of the Art](#)

Suggestion: Create a basic info sheet
Implementation: The [Top Ten Most Useful Links for Students, Faculty and Staff](#)

Suggestion: Social media (use of all of them!)
Implementation: [Facebook](#) & [Twitter](#) accounts created

Suggestion: Need for a more full-time administrator who can serve as a "connector maven" for the Collaboration
Implementation: [Jessica McCarthy](#) added as administrator.

Suggestion: Schedule of the shuttle made obvious.
Implementation: Shuttle schedule available at [Babson](#), [Wellesley](#), Olin and [BOW](#) websites.

Suggestion: Introduce BOW early to students
Implementation: BOW attended all three Orientations for incoming students.

Communication Progress

We are very excited about all of the progress we made this year in terms of communication to those interested in the Collaboration.

First, we made a concerted effort to appeal to all modes of social communication by creating Facebook and Twitter accounts. Although we certainly welcome additional followers, we feel this is a positive step forward in our effort to reach people in a timely manner.

In addition to a social media presence, the Collaboration administrator, Jessica McCarthy, now has email accounts and sending privileges at all three colleges enabling us to reach all constituents more directly.

Our webpage, <http://bow3colleges.org/>, has been and continues to be updated. In particular, an effort has been made to make it more user friendly and intuitive. Our goal is to encourage members of the Collaboration to visit the webpage as a tool for learning about

upcoming events as well as updates about current happenings.

Lastly, we are exploring the idea of creating a newsletter for the Collaboration which would be sent via email on a monthly basis.

As always, we welcome your suggestions about the most effective ways to communicate with you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 2014

Women's history month events through Babson's [CWEL](#)

April 30, 2014

Ruhlmann conference at Wellesley

Spring 2014

Iron Chef Competition

Spring 2014

Library and IT Staff Retreat

June 2014

BOW Annual Retreat

Fall 2014

WIN Lab and CWEL Scholars for Wellesley & Olin students

Goals for 2014

With the establishment of the Faculty Steering Committee and the endorsement of all three college Provosts, the BOW Three College Collaboration is excited about further growth this year.

Areas of Focus in 2014:

- **Cross-Registration:** In February, Jessica McCarthy and Babson College Provost Dennis Hanno will represent the Collaboration at a meeting with all three college registrars in an effort to make the cross-registration process more seamless and therefore more enticing to students.
 - **External Visibility:** Babson, Wellesley, and Olin Colleges are hosting an admissions event from January 25-28. Guests will learn how the partnership between the three host colleges benefits our students, faculty, and communities at large. We are scheduling
- **Expanded Social Opportunities:** In addition to Staff Receptions and Faculty Lunches, we would like to sponsor more events that allow for the establishment of connections across the campuses. This includes events for students.
 - **Increased Transparency:** We want to continue our effort to 'demystify the process' when it comes to taking advantage of all the Collaboration has to offer.

Have an idea about something you'd like to see happen?

[EMAIL US!](#)



Visit our webpage information about upcoming events.
http://bow3colleges.org/events_messages.aspx#upcoming