



Why we came together in NH

- Stalled diversity movement in HE
- Civic engagement work disconnected from both democracy and diversity work
- Lots of promising but disconnected programs in HE
- Civic illiteracy about democracy's ideals and practices
- Citizen polarization, disengagement, cynicism – political and social systems
- Post 9-11 policies affecting civil liberties
- Persistent patterns of disparity and inequity
- “Our uncivil society” and irresponsible freedom



Who came

- Scholars and practitioners in deliberative democracy
- Dialogue folks (intergroup dialogue, sustained dialogue, case method teaching)
- Deliberation folks (issue forums, deliberative polling)
- Conflict resolution and communication
- Collaborative governance
- Diversity officers
- Civic engagement and community outreach folks
- Political engagement
- Interactive and problem-based learning
- Philosophy of HE, HE's purpose



Decisions, June 2008

- Form a network
- Create a resource center
- Serve as advocates
- Reconvene

- ... deliberative democracy



The Democracy Imperative

mobilizing higher education for deliberative democracy

Venues for Teaching and Learning Deliberative Democracy

Disciplinary Venues

- Political Science
- Public Administration
- Sociology
- Philosophy
- Communication
- Public Health
- Education
- Social Work
- History
- Psychology
- Journalism
- Language Arts
- Urban & Community Planning
- Natural Sciences
- Information Technology
- Business
- Law
- Civil Engineering

Interdisciplinary Venues

- Conflict Resolution Programs
- Cultural or Area Studies
- American Studies
- Global Studies
- Social Justice Studies
- Peace Studies
- Human Rights
- Leadership Studies
- Professional Ethics
- Nonprofit Management
- Law & Society
- International Studies
- Centers & Institutes
- Environmental Studies
- Intergroup Dialogue
- Women's Studies
- Community Building/Organizing
- Religious Studies

High Impact Learning Activities

- Diversity Programming
 - First-Year Experiences
 - Capstones and Senior Experiences
 - Learning Communities
 - Study Abroad
 - Experiential and Interactive Pedagogies
 - Community-Based Service Learning
 - Internships
 - Public Forums
 - Dialogue Programs
 - Problem-Based Learning
 - Case Method Teaching
- Interfaith Programs
 - Student Volunteer Programs
 - Cooperative Extension
 - Adult Education
 - Community Partnerships
 - Public Scholarship
 - Faculty-Student Applied Research
 - Community-Based, Action Research
 - Athletics

Venues for Democratic Leadership and Decision Making



- Centers & Institutes
- Student Judiciary Structures
- Alumni Relations
- Unions
- Board of Trustees
- Faculty Senate
- Student Senate
- Faculty Promotion & Tenure Processes
- General Education Programs
- Committees
- Teaching & Learning Centers
- University Foundation
- Staff Councils
- Taskforces
- Residential Life Councils
- Schools & Colleges
- Student Clubs & Organizations
- Academic Departments



Preconference workshops

- Everyday Democracy, NIF, Public conversations project, Appreciative Inquiry
- Dialogue as pedagogy
- Leadership and org. change using democratic processes— in the academy
- The DD research agenda
- Student democratic leadership



Current projects

- COPs
- Catalyst papers
- National conference
- Syllabi repository
- Links and resources
- The web site
- Teachable moments
- Multi-institutional curriculum development and Democracy Studies