

NCDC 238 – Integrating Team Science into Science Communication
Development Committee Meeting
November 3-4, 2023

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The technical committee for NCDC 238 comprises of Joy Rumble (Ohio State University), Nellie Hill and Jacqueline Aenlle (both of Kansas State University), and Jason Ellis as Administrative Advisor (Kansas State University). The committee met for its authorized planning work on Friday, November 3, and Saturday, November 4, in Kansas City, Missouri.

The objective of this planning meeting was to progress the research activity proposed as NCDC 238 into a full multi-state research project proposal for review and approval. The target working timeline of the NCRA is from October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2029.

Key Outcomes:

- Project proposal finalized and submitted: NC19124: *Integrating Science Communication with Team Science* is submitted for Regional System Administrator (RSA) approval via the NIMSS system
- Key participant list developed:
 - A list of 24 agricultural communications-related faculty members from the 4 AES regions was developed for use in direct email participation recruitment in anticipation of project approval.
 - An additional 7 other institutions and organizations were identified for an indirect or referral recruitment process to have a more comprehensive representation of the 4 regions.
- Recruitment strategy and email developed for direct and indirect recruitment efforts
- Established annual meeting: When the project is approved, the annual meeting for the multi-state project will be associated with the National Agricultural Communications Symposium (NACS), which is a concurrent meeting during the annual Southern Association of Agricultural Sciences (SAAS) meeting in February.

Future Efforts:

- The technical committee discussed ways the work proposed in the multi-state project could be extended beyond its proposed scope. Initial ideas included the following:
 - Utilize outcomes of early phases as the basis for a conference grant proposal to extend the science communication research outcomes but also to provide science communication training for AFNR sciences faculty in the North Central region.

- Build from the scope of the multi-state activity to generate a NSF Science of Science proposal to understand Science Communication integration with Team Science initiatives.
- Additional technical committee meeting: June 2024 was targeted for a next technical committee meeting that will address the following:
 - Provide an update on review and approval status; continue revision process for project approval.
 - Implement snowball referral process with targeted collaborators (see Key Participant list above) to find “team science” leads at participating institutions. These individuals will be invited to collaborate with or participate in multi-state project.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m. Central on Saturday, November 4, 2023.