NETWORKS

Networks, as special interest groups within IDEC, are formed and disbanded at the will of the membership.

Network Composition & Appointments

The current Networks (February 2019) listed here are an example of the types of groups that can be represented through these channels.

- 2 & 3 Year Programs
- Canada
- Community Engaged Scholarship
- Distance Learning
- Diversity
- Emerging Faculty
- Emerging Technology
- Gerontology
- Graduate Education
- Inside-Out Multidisciplinary Collaboration
- International Member Assistance
- Lighting
- Program Chairs & Coordinators
- Advocacy

Chair: A Chair and/or Co-Chairs can be elected or appointed by members of the network to coordinate activities and conduct network meetings.

Network Members:
- Meet a minimum of once a year at Annual Conference, but can use the Newsletter, eNews, listserv, or the Slack app to communicate with IDEC members.
- Members can belong to as many networks as desired.
- As few as three members can advocate and create a network.
- Director of Service Collaborative will poll the chairs of existing networks to determine their status and may terminate networks if no activity is identified.

Term: no limit; verify on a yearly basis
- A network can be disbanded by a simple majority vote (with a quorum present of network members) or if several years go by without any activity or participation.

Time Commitment: 1-2 hours per week, as needed to facilitate communication between members and the Collaborative leadership.

Purpose and Charge

The purpose of a network is to share ideas and discuss issues with other interested members. The networks are meant to be fluid and ever-changing to truly reflect interests and concerns of the membership. This can also be a forum for members to voice or identify issues and also create proposals for action. While no formal process needs to be followed to form a network, those IDEC members who wish to form a network can do so by informing the IDEC Service Collaborative Coordinator. This is so that the network can be acknowledged on the IDEC website and a listserv can be created for use by the network's participants. This also ensures that the network will have an established, reserved time for meeting at the annual conference.

Responsibilities and Duties

- Maintain regular communication, with **the IDEC Director of Service**
- Networks can submit proposals for action (either funded or where no funding is needed), or request financial support through other grant channels, either within IDEC or outside of IDEC.
- If grant support is obtained through channels outside of IDEC, the network chair will inform the Service Collaborative Coordinator so that duplication of grant requests can be avoided.
- All networks are assigned to a Collaborative based on their topic to allow them to take advantage of accessing the Coordinator and Director for facilitation of the network's activities (such as informing network members how to prepare a proposal for the Board).
- The Collaborative Coordinator should be copied on network communications and be informed of meetings so that they might attend if desired. In turn, Collaborative Coordinators are generally aware of network activities so that they may represent networks' interests at Coordinator meetings and with the Annual Conference Committee.
- All networks are administered by the Service Collaborative Coordinator, and it is to this Coordinator that reports are sent.

Programs, Events, and Committees
- Annual Conference
- May elect to host competitions or events specific to Network charge
- May collaborate with Annual Conference host committee to facilitate the Annual Service Charrette during the Annual Conference.