Engineering Education Research Networking Session

Connecting and Expanding the Engineering Education Research (EER) and Engineering Education Innovation (EEI) Communities

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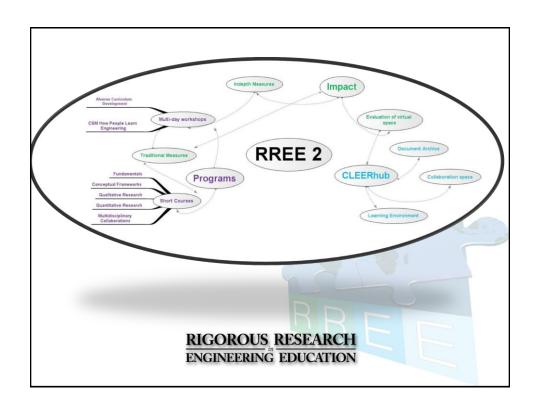
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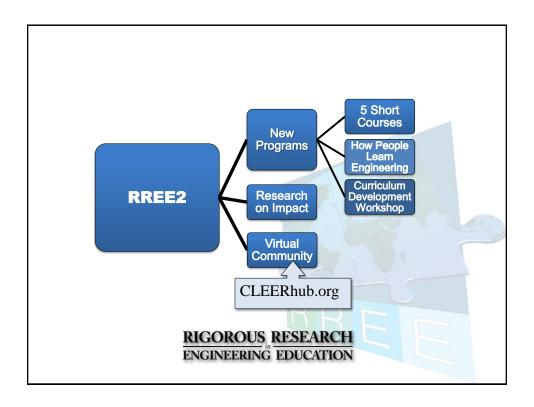
Activity	Time Allotted
Introduction of session and facilitators	5
Brief report on status of EER & EEI	
Update on RREE – CLEERHub.org (Collaboratory for Engineering Education Research), AERA, Featured Resources (Ruth); RREE network (Krishna Madhavan)	10
Updates - NRC DBER practitioner guide (Karl), ASEE (Norman Fortenberry or Rocio Chavela), JEE (Michael Loui), NAE (Beth Cady), EER Taxonomy (Cindy Finelli), EER Networkshop (Becky Bates and Lisa Benson), EER Website (Adam Carberry and Ken Yasuhara)	35
Participant Networking	
Rapid introductions around guided questions – Four to five conversations in groups of 3 – as a way to meet many people	25
Identification of "intellectual neighborhoods" around research and innovation questions and opportunities – individual reflection and writing	5
Brainstorming on strategies to connect, expand, and sustain the emerging EER and EEI communities	10



Expanding and sustaining research capacity in engineering and technology education: Building on successful programs for faculty and graduate students

Collaborative partners: Purdue (lead), Alverno College, Colorado School of Mines, Howard University, Madison Area Technical College, National Academy of Engineering

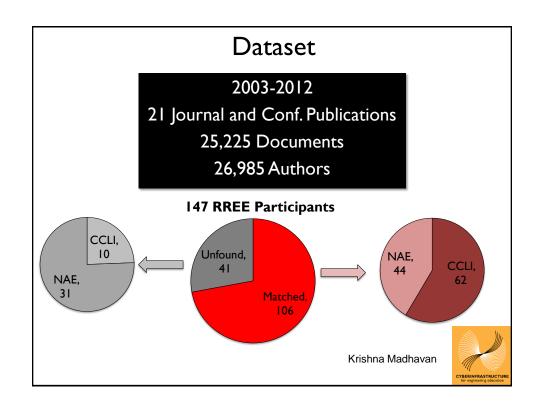


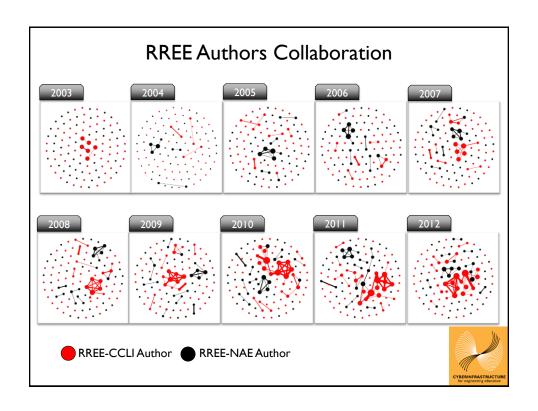


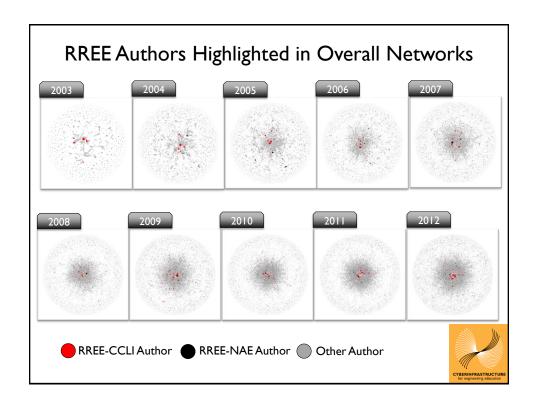
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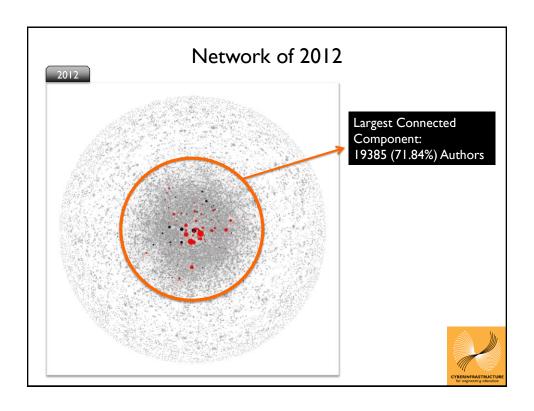
- American Educational Research Association (AERA) www.aera.net
 - Division C Learning and Instruction
 - Section E- Engineering and Computer Science Education
- Important Dates
 - Annual conference April 3-4, 2014, Philadelphia
 - Submission Deadline July 22,11:59pm PT
 - Note that submissions for AERA are very different than for ASEE. Read the call for submissions for details.

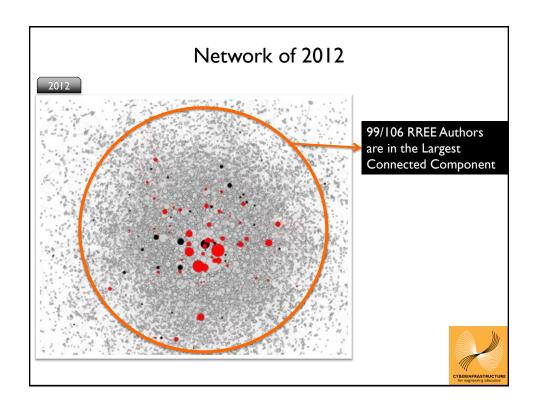


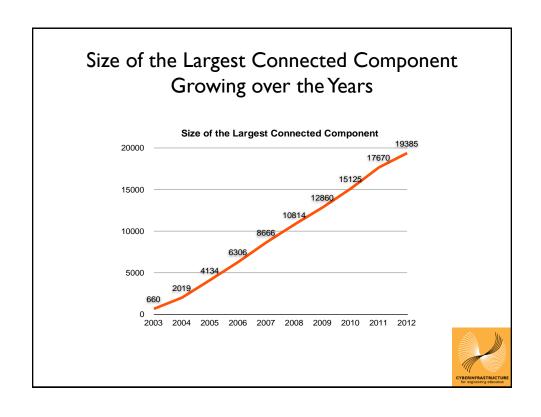


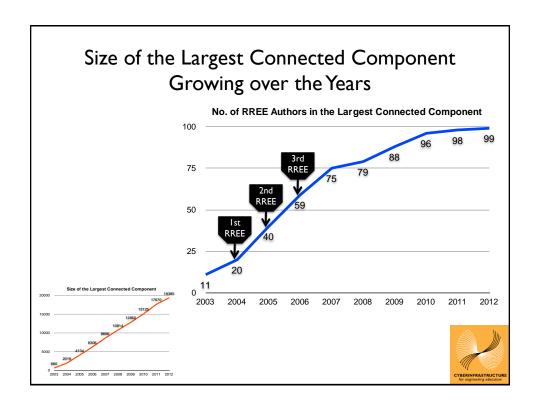


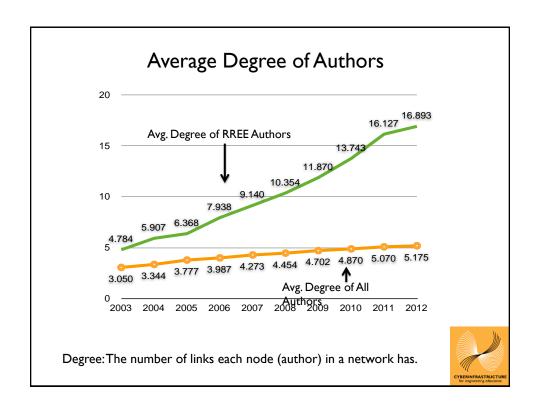


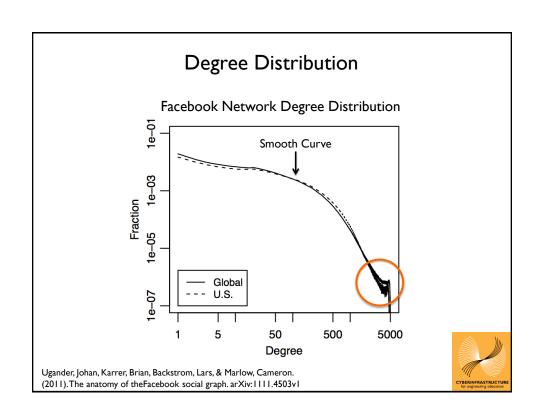


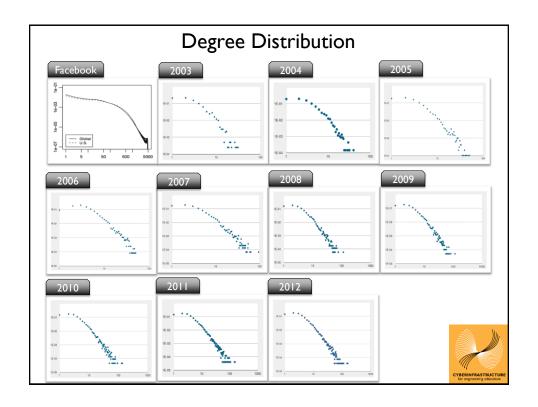


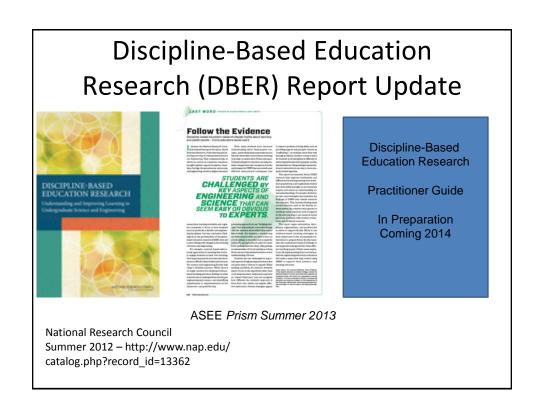












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Discipline-Based Education Research (DBER)

Understanding and Improving Learning in Undergraduate Science and Engineering

http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=13362

Undergraduate Science and Engineering Education: Goals

- Provide all students with foundational knowledge and skills
- Motivate some students to complete degrees in science or engineering
- Support students who wish to pursue careers in science or engineering

Undergraduate Science and Engineering Education: Challenges and Opportunities

- Retaining students in courses and majors
- Increasing diversity
- · Improving the quality of instruction

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What is Discipline-Based Education Research?

- · Emerging from various parent disciplines
- Investigates teaching and learning in a given discipline
- Informed by and complementary to general research on human learning and cognition

Study Charge

- Synthesize empirical research on undergraduate teaching and learning in physics, chemistry, engineering, biology, the geosciences, and astronomy.
- Examine the extent to which this research currently influences undergraduate science instruction.
- Describe the intellectual and material resources that are required to further develop DBER.

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Structure of the Report

- Section I. Status of Discipline-Based Education Research
- Section II. Contributions of Discipline-Based Education Research
- Section III. Future Directions for Discipline-Based Education Research

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Section I. Status of Discipline-Based Education Research

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Status of DBER: Goals

- Understand how people learn the concepts, practices, and ways of thinking of science and engineering.
- Understand the nature and development of expertise in a discipline.
- Help to identify and measure appropriate learning objectives and instructional approaches that advance students toward those objectives.
- Contribute to the knowledge base in a way that can guide the translation of DBER findings to classroom practice.
- Identify approaches to make science and engineering education broad and inclusive.

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Status of DBER: Types of Knowledge Required To Conduct DBER

- Deep disciplinary knowledge
- The nature of human thinking and learning as they relate to a discipline
- Students' motivation to understand and apply findings of a discipline
- Research methods for investigating human thinking, motivation, and learning

Status of DBER: Conclusions

- DBER is a collection of related research fields rather than a single, unified field. (Conclusion 1)
- High-quality DBER combines expert knowledge of:
 - a science or engineering discipline,
 - learning and teaching in that discipline, and
 - the science of learning and teaching more generally.

(Conclusion 4)

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Section II. Contributions of Discipline-Based Education Research

Contributions of DBER: Conceptual Understanding and Conceptual Change

- In all disciplines, undergraduate students have incorrect ideas and beliefs about fundamental concepts. (Conclusion 6)
- Students have particular difficulties with concepts that involve very large or very small temporal or spatial scales. (Conclusion 6)
- Several types of instructional strategies have been shown to promote conceptual change.

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Contributions of DBER: Problem Solving and the Use of Representations

- As novices in a domain, students are challenged by important aspects of the domain that can seem easy or obvious to experts. (Conclusion 7)
- Students can be taught more expert-like problemsolving skills and strategies to improve their understanding of representations.

Contributions of DBER: Research on Effective Instruction

- Effective instruction includes a range of wellimplemented, research-based approaches. (Conclusion 8)
- Involving students actively in the learning process can enhance learning more effectively than lecturing.

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Section III. Future Directions for Discipline-Based Education Research

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Future Directions for DBER: Translating DBER into Practice

- Available evidence suggests that DBER and related research have not yet prompted widespread changes in teaching practice among science and engineering faculty. (Conclusion 12)
- Efforts to translate DBER and related research into practice are more likely to succeed if they:
 - are consistent with research on motivating adult learners,
 - include a deliberate focus on changing faculty conceptions about teaching and learning,
 - recognize the cultural and organizational norms of the department and institution, and
 - work to address those norms that pose barriers to change in teaching practice.
 (Conclusion 13)

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Future Directions for DBER: Recommendations for Translating DBER Into Practice

- RECOMMENDATION: With support from institutions, disciplinary departments, and professional societies, faculty should adopt evidence-based teaching practices.
- RECOMMENDATION: Institutions, disciplinary departments, and professional societies should work together to prepare current and future faculty to apply the findings of DBER and related research, and then include teaching effectiveness in evaluation processes and reward systems throughout faculty members' careers. (Paraphrased)

Future Directions for DBER: Advancing DBER through Collaborations

 Collaborations among the fields of DBER, and among DBER scholars and scholars from related disciplines, although relatively limited, have enhanced the quality of DBER. (Conclusion 15)

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Future Directions for DBER: Research Infrastructure

- Advancing DBER requires a robust infrastructure for research. (Conclusion 16)
- RECOMMENDATION: Science and engineering departments, professional societies, journal editors, funding agencies, and institutional leaders should:
 - clarify expectations for DBER faculty positions,
 - emphasize high-quality DBER work,
 - provide mentoring for new DBER scholars, and
 - support venues for DBER scholars to share their research findings

Future Directions for DBER: Some Key Elements of a Research Agenda

- Studies of similarities and differences among different groups of students
- Longitudinal studies
- · Additional basic research in DBER
- Interdisciplinary studies of cross-cutting concepts and cognitive processes
- Additional research on the translational role of DBER

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Five-year Strategic Plan:

"...identify and broaden implementation of *evidence-based* instructional practices and innovations to improve undergraduate *learning* and *retention* in STEM . . ."



Gathering Community Input



Transforming Undergraduate Engineering Education

Phase I: An effort to understand desired knowledge, skills, and abilities sought in engineering undergraduates and to better define the curricular, co-curricular, and practice-based experiences that will enhance those KSAs. (May 9-10, 2013, Arlington, VA)

Understanding and Surmounting Impediments to Diversification

Exploring the social, economic, political, and other impediments to implementing the recommendations that have been made for over four decades to enhance the participation of underrepresented minority populations in engineering.

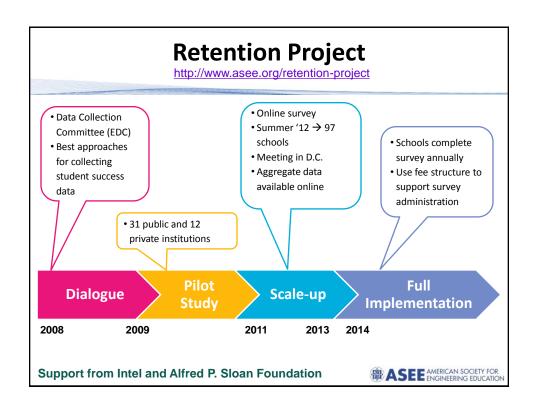
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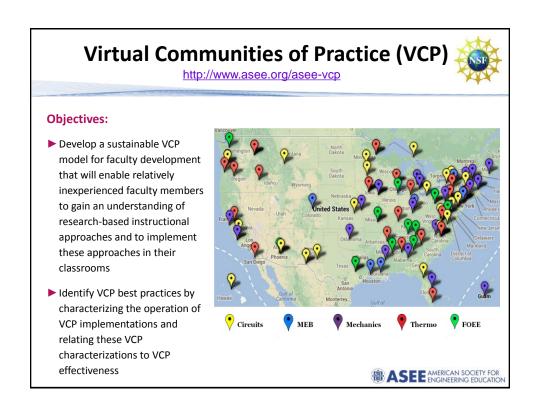
Transitioning Veterans to Engineering Related Careers

What measures have to be taken and by which actors in order to enhance the participation and success of military veterans in careers in engineering and engineering technology? (February 25, 2013, Washington, DC)

http://www.asee.org/Final Report - Transitioning Veterans to Engineering Related Careers.pdf







International Activities

2013 ASEE International Forum

Saturday June 22, 2013

http://www.asee.org/conferences-and-events/conferences/international-forum/2013/program

2014 ASEE International Forum

Join us in Indianapolis next year! Saturday June 14, 2013

2016 ASEE Global Colloquium

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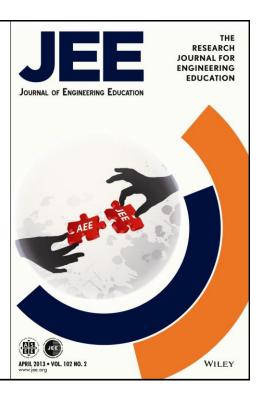
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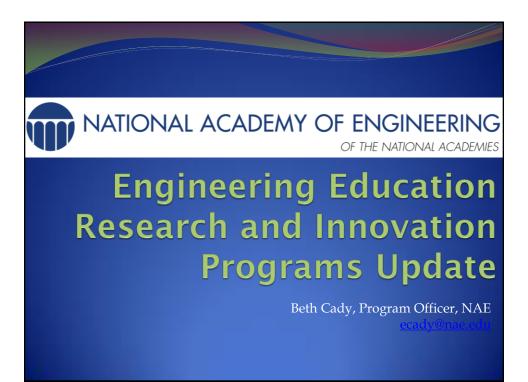
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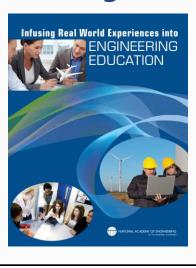




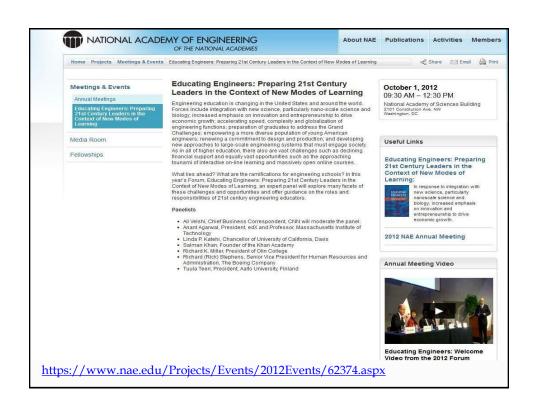
Frontiers of Engineering Education

- Fifth symposium will be held October 27-30, 2013
 - Nominations have closed
 - Applications due 6/28
- Brings together faculty who are developing innovative approaches in engineering education
- Creates a community to share knowledge, encourage collaboration, and promote dissemination of innovative practice in engineering education
- Opportunities to share work, get feedback on own educational approaches, and provide feedback to others
- Several opportunities to network with peers and with speakers and committee members

Infusing Real World Experiences into Engineering Education



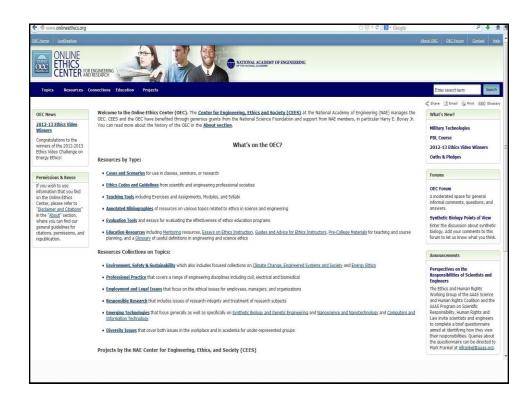
- 29 exemplar programs that provide students with real-world experiences
- Includes a discussion on potential barriers and ways of overcoming them
- Also available at www.nap.edu



Web-based Resources

- CASEE Website <u>www.nae.edu/casee</u>
 - Extensive set of research-to-practice documents, reports from CASEE projects, videos, and other resources
 - Equity-related resources at www.nae.edu/casee-equity
- COMING SOON: FOEE website (www.naefoee.org)
 - Will have a public side for links to presentations, directories, videos, and uploaded resources
 - Will also have a password-protected area for community members to allow for collaboration and resource-sharing
 - Will have both public and private social network components









Rationale for a Taxonomy

- Engineering education research is:
 - Broad-based
 - Rapidly-evolving
 - Diverse
 - Interdisciplinary, and
 - International
- We need a standardized terminology and organizational system to map and communicate research initiatives.



Audiences for the Taxonomy

- Researchers and community members
 - Situate individual research initiatives in the broader field
 - See connections with others
 - Plan future work
- Funding agencies
 - Classify research portfolios
 - Identify areas for capacity building, frame solicitations
 - ◆ Recruit reviewers for panels
- Journal editors
 - Organize related research or authors and readers
 - Create a reviewer database



Project Goals

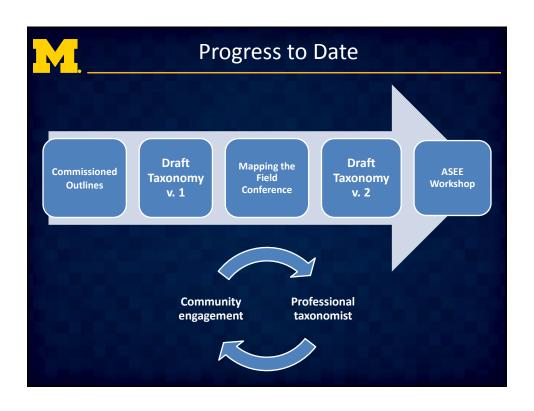
- 1. Create a taxonomy that is:
 - ◆ A concise and comprehensive map for the field
 - ◆ A complete enough outline to describe any research initiative using four to six keywords
 - ◆ A useful tool for multiple audiences
 - Not an exhaustive list of every idea
- 2. Establish a process that is inclusive of the diverse national and international community



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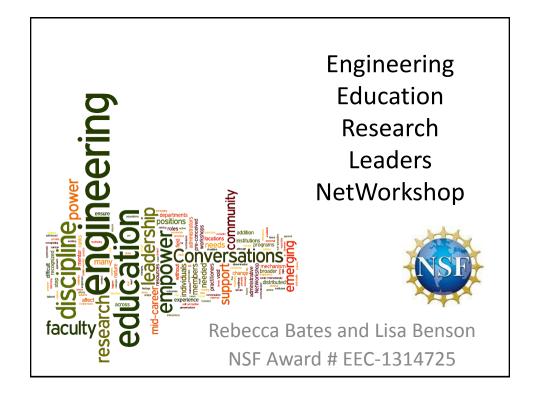






Future Opportunities for Engagement

- Online interactions and public comment periods at the website: http://taxonomy.engin.umich.edu/
- Open conference sessions
 - ◆ 2013 Research in Engineering Education Symposium. 07/06/13, 3:00 4:40 pm, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
 - Other possible sessions:
 - SEFI. 09/16/13 09/20/13, Leuven, Belgium
 - Frontiers in Education. 10/23/13 10/26/13. Oklahoma City, OK
 - Australasian Association for Engineering Education.
 12/08/13 12/11/13. Queensland, Australia



EER Leaders NetWorkshop Goals

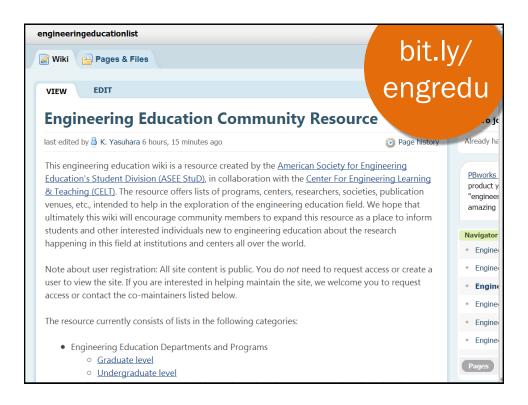


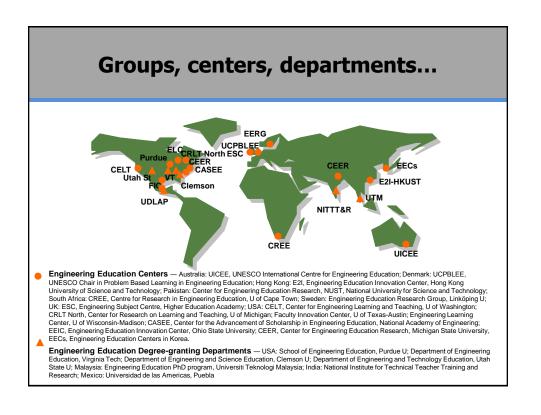
- Community: building a community of EER leaders; preparing new community members rising in academic leadership ranks
- Communication: building skills to "manage up," and deal with power differentials
- Action: identifying strategies for moving the emerging field forward and supporting rising EER leaders

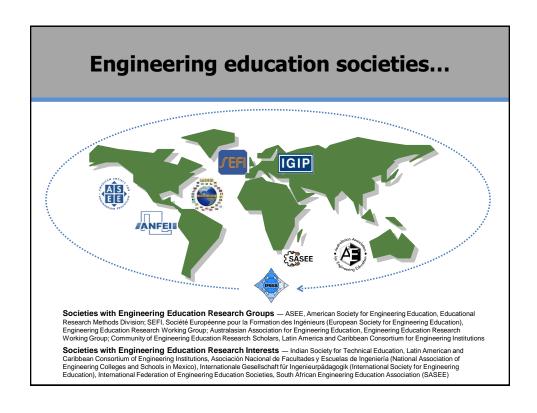
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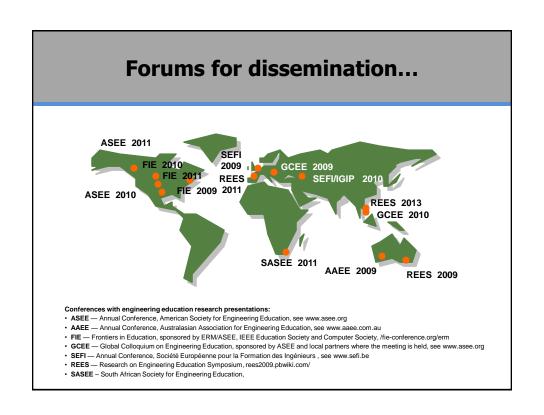
- 13 attended pre-ASEE NetWorkshop
- Sustain virtual community virtual "book club"
- Expand community through formal and informal meetings at future conferences
- Please look forward to an upcoming survey

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- Arizona State University
- University of California-Berkeley
- Clemson University
- University of Cincinnati
- University of Georgia
- Georgia Tech
- University of Kentucky
- Linkoping University (Sweden)
- Michigan State University
- University of Michigan
- University of Minnesota
- North Carolina State University
- The Ohio State University
- Pennsylvania State University

- University of Pittsburgh
- Purdue University
- Tufts University
- Universidad de las Americas Puebla (Mexico)
- Universiti Teknologi Malaysia
- University of Texas Austin
- Uppsala University (Sweden)
- Utah State University
- Virginia Tech
- Washington State University
- University of Washington
- Wichita State University

Participant Networking Activity (~25 min)

- Introductions with Guided Format
- Three (~8 min) Conversations in Groups of 2-3
 - Your Name & Organization
 - Status of EER Center or PhD Program/Interest in EER & EEI
 - Suggestions for Starting/Questions About Starting
 - Exchange Business Cards/Contact Information
 - Identify "intellectual neighborhoods" around common research, organization or other questions and interests
 - Talk about ways to follow up
- Bell will ring once after 7 min and twice after 8 min
- Move to a New Group

Connecting, Expanding & Sustaining the Emerging EER Community (~10 min)

- Small Group (2-3) Brainstorming
 - Ideas for (1) local, (2) national, (3) international
 Community
 - Ideas for Virtual Community
 - Further Ideas
- Summarize Ideas and Record

Next Steps (~ 5 min)

- Silently reflect on your interests and plans for engineering education research
- Jot down
 - What do you plan to do next?
 - What are your longer range plans?
- Continue the conversation during the FIE conference and beyond
 - EER Networks CLEERhub, REEN, SEFI
 - Meet again at ASEE Conference, June, 2012

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