

6th Annual UTEP IDRE Symposium
Understanding Interdisciplinary Research & Rewards:
What We Know and Where We are Going

Monday, November 5th to Tuesday, November 6th
Tomas Rivera Conference Center, Union East (unless otherwise indicated)

Open to UTEP faculty, staff, and students

Agenda

Monday, November 5th

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| 3:00pm – 5:00pm | Registration |
| 3:30pm – 5:00pm | Reception & Poster Session featuring interdisciplinary research projects and ideas. Faculty, students, and staff are invited to present a poster. |
| 5:00pm | Update on the IDR Building (idrb.utep.edu)
Dr. Bill Hargrove, Chair of IDR Planning Committee |
| 5:10pm | Perspectives on Moving Colleges towards Interdisciplinarity: Dr. Clifton Tanabe (College of Education) and Dr. Denis O’Hearn (College of Liberal Arts)
UTEP’s newest deans share their vision for facilitating interdisciplinary activities in their respective colleges. |
| 5:30pm | Session ends |

Tuesday, November 6th

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| 8:30am | Registration opens |
| 9:00am – 9:10am | Welcome by the VP of Research |
| 9:15am – 10:00am | Flash Presentations
Listen to rapid fire presentations from faculty who have some best practices to share about effectively engaging in interdisciplinary activities from their own experiences. Q&A following presentations. |
| 10:10am – 11:30am | Connector Event
This is an expertise sharing and discovery event. Teams or individuals have 5 minutes to present their topic with 12 minutes for Q&A. Presentations will occur in various parts of the room and will be given concurrently. Faculty, staff, and graduate students present over three different rounds. Flipcharts are allowed but no PowerPoint presentations! Presentations fall under one of these categories:
1) Best practices in leading a team: perspectives from PIs
2) Participating in effective IDRE teams: a student’s perspective |

- 3) Useful communication tools for teams
- 4) Collaborations across sectors and/or countries: lessons learned
- 5) Forming a collaborative team: informal vs. formal expectations of engagement
- 6) Beyond funding cycles: maintaining an interdisciplinary team

11:30am – 11:45pm

Break

11:45pm – 1:45pm

Plenary Lunch Session

Introduction

Dr. Roberto Osegueda, VP for Research

Welcome & Remarks

Dr. Diana Natalicio, President

Panel Discussion with Deans

Facilitator: Dr. Carol Parker, Provost

Dr. Denis O’Hearn, Dean, College of Liberal Arts

Dr. José Rivera, Dean, School of Pharmacy

Dr. Patricia Castiglia, Interim Dean, School of Nursing

Dr. Robert Kirken, Dean, College of Science

Dr. Shafik Dharamsi, Dean, College of Health Sciences

Dr. Stephen Crites, Interim Dean, College of Business Administration

1:45pm – 2:00pm

Break

2:00pm – 3:30pm

How do you build a portfolio with Interdisciplinary Research?

With over twenty-five years in academia, Dr. Michael Kenney has served at multiple institutions in various roles including principal investigator, department head, and now as Associate Dean for Research in the College of Science. His session will begin with a discussion on a broader vision for interdisciplinarity and then funnel down to specific examples that help build one’s research plan. Participants will have ample time to ask questions. (Union East Rm. 313)

2:00pm – 3:30pm

Chairs and directors workshop on best practices for recognizing and assessing interdisciplinary work in annual, tenure, promotional, and post-tenure reviews; led by panel of faculty administrators and facilitated by the Office of the Provost. (Union East Rm.312)

3:45pm – 5:30pm

Reception & featured talk by Dr. Kevin Bennet, Chair of the Division of Engineering, Mayo Clinic. *Remarks start at 4:15pm.* Mayo Clinic has a rich history of interdisciplinary research teams and has many examples and experiences in the development of medical devices and systems resulting from extensive collaborations of physicians, surgeons, scientists and engineers. This presentation will discuss the Mayo Clinic development and coordination of teams, successes and experiential determined requirements for successful collaboration. Further comments will discuss Mayo Clinic administrative support of interdisciplinary research.