Suggested Guidelines for Workshop Organizers

Participating institutions are encouraged to host one or more workshops addressing the general topic of the “Future of Practical and Professional Ethics.” Workshops may target individual or multidisciplinary subject areas (business, engineering, law, medicine, etc.) or examine topics common to many professions (conflicts of interest, privacy, deception, confidentiality, etc.). The goal is to identify emerging challenges in practical ethics and address these challenges through advanced education, research and leadership in professional associations.

Basic Questions

- What ethical challenges do professionals currently face?
- What ethical challenges do you anticipate professionals will face in the 21st Century?
- How can a professional association, such as APPE, help address these challenges through research and teaching?

Sample Format

1. Invite a speaker to lead-off the workshop discussion on a challenging ethical issue currently facing professionals.

2. Invite two or three panelists representing different professions, subject areas or perspectives to comment and expand on the speaker’s points.

3. Follow with open discussion among workshop participants of what the professions and professionals need when encountering new ethical challenges? And, how might the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics address these needs?

Initial Outcome

Workshop organizers are asked to send a description of the workshop and a summary of key findings, unanswered questions, and recommendations that emerged from the conversation to Ken Pimple, Ph.D., Coordinator for the APPE Year of Conversation, pimple@indiana.edu. Results from this national and international conversation will be compiled and shared with those attending the 25th Anniversary Conference of the Association in Washington, D.C., Thursday, February 18 through Sunday, February 21, 2016. An executive summary and the complete findings from all workshops will be available on the Association’s website.

Building on the Results

- The Association will facilitate the collaboration of one or many written manuscripts (e.g., a white paper, journal article, a special edition of a journal, or book) and encourage participants, individually or in groups, to generate their own documents. We hope that most or all of these manuscripts will be made widely available at no cost for users.

- The results generated through this Year of Conversations may inform the ongoing advancement of ethics education at academic institutions, businesses, government agencies and professional organizations.

- Participating institutions may develop new connections at their own and participating institutions that enhance the quality of their programs.

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