UCCS Civic Initiative Proposals

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Provost
Certificates

- Political Science Certificate in Civics
- Civic Engagement through U.S. History

Comments:
- Typically 4-6 classes (recommend 4)
- Should we merge into one certificate?
  - Separate might impact more students
  - Combined might provide a balanced perspective
- Minimal cost since classes are already scheduled
  - May need some funding for extra sections ($5-10,000)
Minors

• **Expansion of Pre-Law minor**
  – Additional elective courses
  – Speaker series ($5000 per year)

• **Civic Engagement through History**

• **Comments:**
  – Typically 6 – 8 classes
  – Minimal cost since classes are already scheduled
    • *May need some funding for extra sections* ($5-10,000)
New Class/Module/Lecture

• **Intellectual Property in American Civics (Innovation program)**

• **Comments:**
  – Start with module (1-2 weeks)
  – Test in existing Innovation courses
  – Expand to full course if appropriate
  – Cost: $5-10,000 per year (development and instruction)
New Module/Lecture

• **GeoCivics**
  – Build on existing curriculum
    • *Geographical issues like redistricting*

• **Comments:**
  – Costs:
    • *Materials (one-time): $2600*
    • *Annual (1-2 years)*
      – $55,000 per year
Campus Challenge

- **Program on the American Constitution**
  - Center for the Study of Government and the Individual (CSGI)
  - Elements:
    - *Postdoctoral fellowship* (teach/research)
    - *Distinguished visiting scholar* (teach/research)
    - *Lecture series* (annual prominent speaker)
    - *Professional development for middle and high school civics teachers*
    - *Washington D.C. travel experience for students*
    - *Online Colorado Civics textbook development*
    - *Administrative support*
Campus Challenge

• **Program on the American Constitution**

• **Comments:**
  – Total cost for all elements: $400,000 per year
  – CSGI is externally funded by grants and gifts
  – Some elements are high impact but for small number of students
  – Which elements should be funded by CU and which funded externally?
On-line High School course

- **PSC 1100 The American Political System**
  - Already available on-line
  - Approved for general education credit and GT-Pathways
  - Summer workshop to train in-school teacher mentors to help H.S. students
  - Incorporate into existing high school outreach programs