The Professional Development Committee of Slippery Rock University is requesting proposals for sessions for Professional Development Day on Tuesday, October 4, 2016. The theme is “What is an SRU education? University-Wide Learning Outcomes and the Role of Disciplinary Majors and Minors, Liberal Studies, and Co-Curricular Programs.”

- The current university-wide learning outcomes were developed in the early part of this century. How applicable are they nowadays? How should they relate to the learning outcomes in liberal studies? How should our liberal studies program change?
- Historically, there has been a tendency to compartmentalize disciplinary education, liberal studies, and co-curricular programs, in spite of each contributing to student learning and development. How can we integrate learning across the curriculum and co-curriculum?

All proposed sessions should address these issues. We are soliciting proposals from faculty and staff across Academic and Student Affairs. Sessions might cover topics such as:

- Do our university-wide outcomes fit today’s world?
- What role should soft skills play in learning outcomes?
- Strengths and weaknesses of our current Liberal Studies Program from the perspective of specific disciplines or different outlooks.
- How should liberal studies outcomes relate to university-wide outcomes?
- Liberal Studies and experiential learning.
- Successful advising practices for the Liberal Studies Program.
- Integrating the Liberal Studies Program’s skills and knowledge into the student’s major.
- Programming high-impact experiences into four-year degree programs.
- Interdisciplinary minors or certificates of achievement that include global learning and co-curricular experiences.
- How should we be preparing our graduates for a changing society beyond SRU?

Proposals will be accepted until 4:00 PM on Monday, September 12, 2016. All proposals must be prepared as a Word document and sent as an e-mail attachment to the Office of Grants, Research and Sponsored Programs at grantsoffice@sru.edu.

The following information should be included in all proposals:

1. A cover page that includes
   a. Title of the session;
   b. Name(s) of the presenter(s);
   c. Name, department, campus address, phone number and email address of primary contact person; and,
   d. Description of the session in 50 words or less (for agenda description).

2. Brief description (one page limit) of the session and how the proposed session addresses the targeted topic of “What is an SRU Education?”

Questions regarding this RFP may be directed to Nancy Cruikshank, Professional Development Committee Administrative Chair, by email at nancy.cruikshank@sru.edu or by telephone at extension 4831.