

Working Group C

Meeting 2 Talking Points
November 9

Some Points From Last Meeting

Worry and skepticism about reinventing the wheel

Need to release the 2005 report on Provost's Committee on the Comparative Study of Race, Ethnicity, and Indigeneity

Environmental impact

Skepticism based on zero-sum game expectations. Must amplify and support existing centers, units and existing movements like BLM.

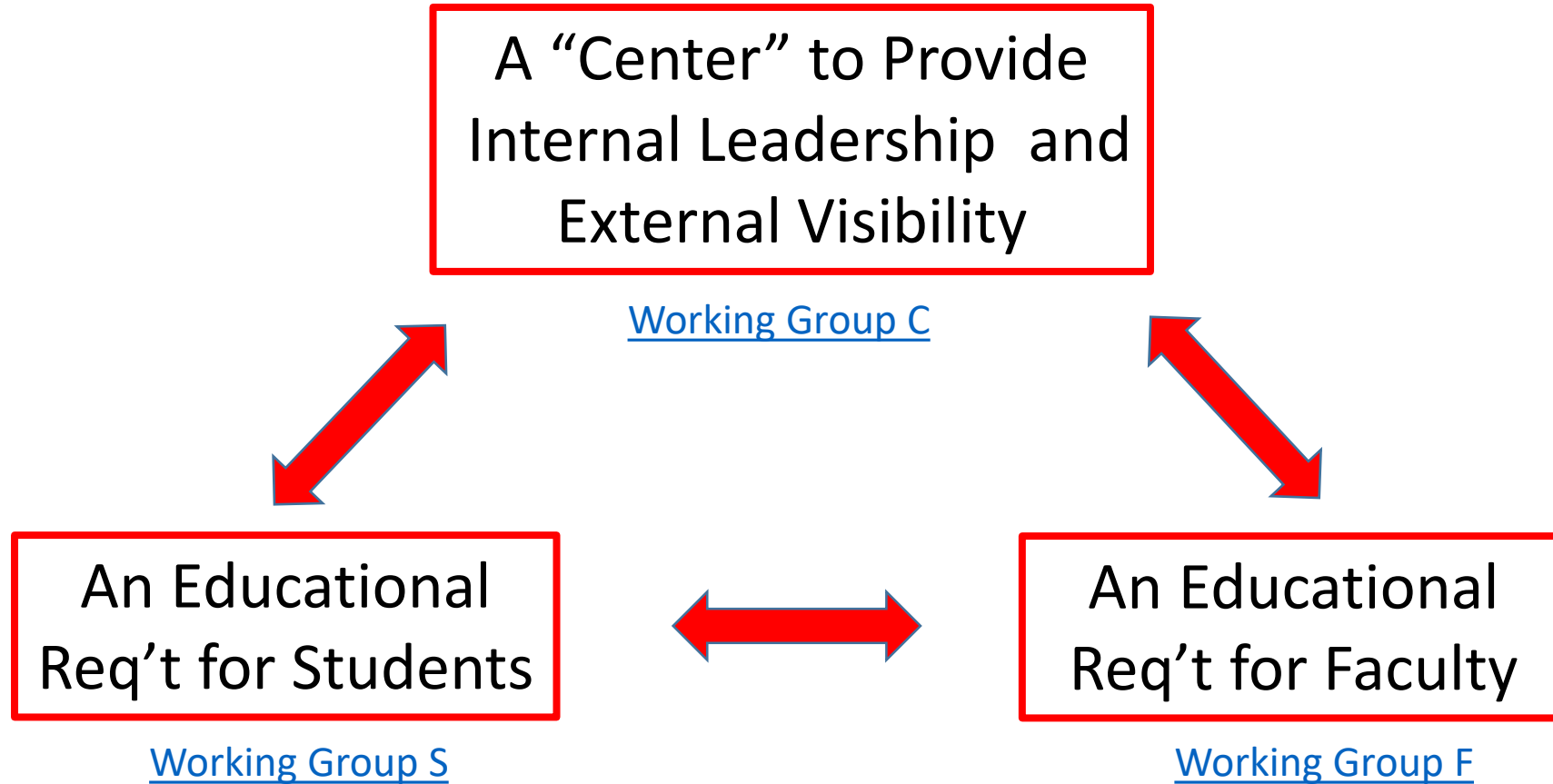
How to add a radical dimension

Need a unique branding that generates support among faculty, students and staff

In Thinking About Scope, Are these Valid Working Assumptions?

1. The Center must create opportunities for faculty and students in all the colleges.
2. The Center must have an activist/advocacy component that is unique in how it engages students and faculty.
3. The Center agenda must be decidedly interdisciplinary and decidedly global; two of our greatest strengths as a university.
4. WG-C must strategize on how to take an agenda forwards (based on learning from 2005 as well as earlier and later efforts).

Yet another way to consider “Center” *for ... ??*



Everything is connected because research informs teaching and vice versa.

What Would a Center Directly Mean for Students?

If the Center had a physical location with “shareable space”, then how might it affect student life? What would be its “environmental impact” on other academic units and programs?

How might the Center increase opportunities for student research and external engagement beyond what is currently available?

Background docs from DoBetterCornell:

[Petition to President Pollack](#)

[Notes from 2020 Summer](#)

Need to Be Different from What is Already Out There

Princeton

IDA B. Wells Just Data Laboratory

Rutgers

Institute for the Study of Global Racial Justice

Boston University

The Center for Antiracist Research

Center Ideas from Other Places

Harvard Kennedy School

The Institutional Antiracism and Accountability Project

American University

Antiracist Research and Policy Center

Duke

Center for Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation