IASP: Interdisciplinary Academic Studies Program at UCCS

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IASP

- Provide a process for approving degree programs from multiple faculty from three or more Colleges
- Creates a UCCS peer group based on IASP's vision.
- IASP is an **incubator** for cross-campus Scholarship and Creative Works Activities.
- To provide CU-wide, nationally, possibly international interdisciplinary conversations and online presence.

IASP can

- Reduce duplication and develop new partnerships.
- Provide clear cross-campus process and guidelines.
- Create new opportunities for synergistic activities.
- Allow creating programs, and off-ramp as well.

IASP

- Is voluntary for faculty to join (or not).
- No oversight to any existing Programs, Centers, and Institutes.

Timeline

- Fall 2020-Jan 2021: IASP Document.
- IASP working committee (established Feb 2021)
- Deans Presentation (March 2021)
- IASP-initiatives (April 2021) first IASP online meeting proposed.
- IASP Summer Event June 2021: 25-30 UCCS Faculty are expected to attend

Resources

- http://www.interdisciplinarystudiespz.org/pdf/VBM-Gardner_AssessingSymptoms_2003.pdf-- (effectiveness, balance, consistency; feedback from SFI; MIT Media Labs, XeroxParc, plus more)
- Klein, J.T., Falk-Krzesinski, H.J., Interdisciplinary and collaborative work: Framing promotion and tenure practices and policies. Res. Policy (2017). https://ard.unl.edu/docs/resources/Interdisc-and-collab-P-T-2017.pdf
- NASEM speaks to the need for multidisciplinary training, especially in terms of preparing students for long-term success in the workforce:
- https://www.map.edu/resource/24966/interactive/
- https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5c5b569c01232cccdc227b9c/t/5ee78fffe9023b17d8d050d2e/1592233983697/Santa+Fe.pdf (SFI)

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