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Engagement Practices in Entrepreneurship Education

Perspectives from the US

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The best student-centered learning experience in America

Brief Overview of Ohio University









- Founded in 1804
- Included in the North
 West Ordinance founding
 the State of Ohio
- Rural Appalachia SE Ohio
- 35,000+ students
- 60th amongst public national universities
- Over 1,200 faculty
- 200,000 alumni worldwide



Defining Engagement

- Engaged learning engaged learners are responsible for their own learning, are self-regulated are able to define their own learning goals and evaluate their own achievements.
 - Passionate about their own learning
 - Can transfer knowledge between problems
 - Have the skills to work with others
 - Learning tasks are complex and multi-disciplined
 - Projects are longer and authentic, embedded within context
 - Assessment includes self, peers, mentors and those within the work/learning context



Engagement Categorized

- Student engagement: developing forms of learning that assist students to become engaged learners both within and outside of the curriculum.
- Community engagement: working outside of the university to engage the "community of practice" relevant to the educational focus of a program.



Student Engagement Practices

- Common forms (US/UK)
 - Internships/placements
 - Clubs and societies
 - Consulting projects
 - Venture creation internships/co-ops
 - Community service projects
 - Speakers and events





Professional Clubs

- COB 30 clubs
- Princeton Review
- Range of clubs
- Professional rather than social
- Employment opportunities and value











Competition Landscape

- Business plan
- Pitch competitions
- Case competitions
- Business model
- Innovation challenge
- App/Hackathons



















Classroom engagement

- International immersion projects
- Certificates and minors
- Summer boot camps
- Accelerators
- Businesses within the curriculum
- Student-run businesses for credit
- Strategic consulting relationships
- Peer mentoring and assessment







Outside of the curriculum

- Learning communities/halls of residence
- Visits and shadowing
- On campus marketplaces
- Student advisory boards
- Virtual marketplaces
- Start-up weekends





Availability of Capital

- Branded crowdfunding platforms
- Micro-lending
- Seed grants
- University business angel networks
- University-backed venture capital





Community Engagement

- Entrepreneurs in residence/fellows
- Advisory councils
- Alumni networks and events
- Development efforts
- Mentoring networks





Community Engagement

- Client consulting projects
- Community engagement projects
- Incubators and accelerators
- Training and executive programs
- Action research centers
- Science parks





Summary

- Engaged learning requires
 - Complex problem-based tasks
 - Student-centered learning
 - Multi-disciplined teams
 - Authentic learning experiences
 - Engagement with the targeted community of practice
 - Innovations in teaching and learning

