

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA ASHEVILLE

FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

APC Document 31 (Key Center): **Revise the catalog description of the Key Center for
Community Engaged Learning;
Revise the catalog entry for Community Engaged Scholar**

Effective Date: Fall 2024

1. Delete: On page 54, the next to the last paragraph under **Academic Honors for Graduates:**

Students who complete at least six academic credit hours in Service-Learning Designated courses (with a minimum grade of B- in each course), a Key Center workshop on Service Learning, and a Public Service Project under the supervision of a faculty member and representative of a community organization may graduate as a **Community Engaged Scholar**. Additional information is available at <https://keycenter.unca.edu/>.

Add: On page 54, in place of deleted entry:

Students who complete a Key Center workshop on best practices in community engaged learning, complete at least six academic credit hours of Community Engaged Learning designated courses (with a minimum grade of B- in each course), and complete a Community Engaged Project for a community organization under the supervision of a faculty member and a representative of the organization may graduate as a **Community Engaged Scholar**. Additional information is available at <https://keycenter.unca.edu/>.

2. Delete: On page 67, the entry under **Key Center:**

KEY CENTER

The Key Center for Community Citizenship and Service-Learning is the university's hub for the promotion of service learning, a form of experiential education in which students work primarily with non-profit organizations, governmental agencies, and other civic groups on community problems or issues. The Key Center helps faculty, students and community members use best practices in service learning so that both the community and students benefit from their work together.

The Key Center, working with its advisory council, also coordinates the approval of Service-Learning Designated Courses and the recommendation of graduating students for the Community Engaged Scholar designation, which honors those who have demonstrated

outstanding work in service learning. The Key Center, located in Highsmith Student Union, may be contacted by email at keyctr@unca.edu. Additional information is available at <https://keycenter.unca.edu>.

Add: On page 67, in place of deleted entry:

KEY CENTER

The Key Center for Community Engaged Learning is the university's hub for the promotion of community engaged learning, a form of experiential education in which students work primarily with non-profit organizations, governmental agencies, and other civic groups to improve community conditions. The Key Center supports faculty, students, and community members to implement best practices in community engaged learning so that both the community and students benefit from their work together.

The Key Center, working with its advisory council, also coordinates the approval of Community Engaged Learning designated courses and the recommendation of graduating students for the Community Engaged Scholar designation, which honors those who have demonstrated outstanding work in community engaged learning activities. The Key Center, located in Highsmith Student Union, may be contacted by email at keycenter@unca.edu. Additional information is available at <https://keycenter.unca.edu>.

Impact Statement: There is no real impact of making the language consistent with the name of the Key Center. Service-Learning (SL) courses will now be designated as Community Engaged Learning (CEL) courses.

Rationale: The new description more accurately reflects the mission and work of the Key Center. The major change is a shift in terminology, from service learning to community engaged learning, which is consistent with the terminology currently used in the professional field around the country. Additional small wording changes reflect assets-based framing and collaboration across partnerships.