



## WNY Contemplative Faculty & Staff Group Communities of Practice (COPs) Tracking Form



### Leadership Positions

<b>NAME OF COLLABORATIVE</b>	WNY Contemplative Faculty & Staff group
<b>PURPOSE/MISSION</b>	We are an inter-institutional collaborative of faculty, staff, and scholars dedicated to enhancing teaching, learning, and wellbeing by infusing the higher education system with mindfulness and empowering our communities through contemplative practices and pedagogies.
<b>VALUE STATEMENT*</b>	<b>Member:</b> Members receive a community of practice, connection with like-minded others, the sharing of information, and community support. Benefits to member practitioners include decreased burnout; increased resilience; increased capacity to collaborate and innovate across the disciplines; increased pedagogical effectiveness.
	<b>Institution:</b> Institutions receive information and research collaboration about innovative pedagogical approaches that foster student attention, learning & engagement; improve intra-personal and inter-personal skills; deepen connection to school; improve retention and student outcomes. Benefits to the institution include emergence as a leader in cutting-edge 21st century educational approaches, and a reputation for being at the vanguard of mindfulness practice and research.
	<b>Sector/Field:</b> This collaborative fosters inter-institutional relationships, increasing the capacity to collaborate and innovate across the WNY higher education system. Consortium membership provides a structure that enables the sharing of resources across institutions, improving overall outcomes that could not otherwise be achieved. Ultimately, the work of this collaborative increasingly fosters a culture of wellbeing.
*A value statement is a concise statement that articulates the value the organization brings to its members, their institutions, and the higher education sector.	

<b>Date that Officer Elections Takes Place:</b>				
<b>Leadership Position Notes</b> If the Leadership Position is not the correct name (i.e. Chair versus President), please change the name under the Leadership Position column.				
Leadership Position	Name	Title	Institution	Email
Chair	Dr. Lisa Napora	Visiting Scholar	State University of NY at Buffalo	<a href="mailto:lnapora@buffalo.edu">lnapora@buffalo.edu</a>
Co-Chair	Katharine Darling	Associate Dean for Academic Services	State University of NY at Buffalo	<a href="mailto:kdarling@buffalo.edu">kdarling@buffalo.edu</a>
Secretary	Deborah Perkowski	Executive Secretary to the Provost	Genesee Community College	<a href="mailto:daperkowski@genesee.edu">daperkowski@genesee.edu</a>
Treasurer				
Sub Committee Chair				
Sub Committee Chair				
Sub Committee Chair				
Sub Committee Chair				
Other				
Other				

### Membership

<b>Notes on Membership</b> *Add lines for multiple members from the same institution directly under the institution name.				
** Leave line blank if no person represents a particular institution. <b>AS A LOOSELY COUPLED SYSTEM, FORMAL MEMBERSHIP IS NOT YET A PART OF THE COLLABORATIVE</b>				
Member Name	Title	Institution	Institution	Email
		Alfred State		
3		Alfred University		
10		Brockport		
2		Canisius College		
3		Daemen College		
2		D'Youville College		
2		Empire State College		
2		Erie Community College		
23		Genesee Community College		
9		Genesee		
		Houghton College		
		Jamestown Community College		
3		Medaille College		
5		Niagara County Community College		
8		Niagara University		
		St. Bonaventure University		
14		SUNY Buffalo State		
2		SUNY Fredonia		
3		Trocaire College		
126		University at Buffalo		
		Villa Maria College		

### Other Information

<b>WEB SITE</b>	
CONFERENCES & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EVENTS	
Name of Event	When Event Occurs
Spring gathering	every Spring
Community Diversi-tree Celebration	every Winter
National speakers	annually
Mindfulness & Health conference (400 attendees from 50 institutions)	March 2016
Making Mindful Citizens (speaker: SUNY Trustee Belluck)	April 2015
Contemplation for 21st Century Education (national speaker: Dr. Daniel Barbezat)	October 2014
BUSINESS AND MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS	
Name of Meeting	When Meetings Occur (Monthly, Quarterly, or Annually)
Members meeting	monthly
Steering committee meeting	monthly