

## IITG Mid Year Project Report

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### IITG Project Title (truncated)

2018-Cobleskill-Jagendorf-Sobierajski-Displaying Transformation: Global Micro-credentials

#### **1) Please consider the original timeline and deliverable targets. How is your project progressing compared with the original estimates?**

The project is progressing; we have organized a steering committee and sub-groups that have developed three badge categories and criteria to achieve each badge. While the sub-groups have proposed somewhat different strategies to reach cross-cultural skill attainment, the strategies should ultimately align when the steering committee meets at a two-day retreat in late January, 2019.

Because several campuses are involved in the project effort, progress in some areas has been a bit slower than originally anticipated. Graduate students still need to be recruited to assist with logistics and pathways on individual campuses must be developed.

#### **2) How is spending progressing when compared with the original budget estimates? (You may also choose to detail issues regarding access to funds in the next three questions).**

Spending has been slow. There was one initial in-person meeting with steering committee members and some travel reimbursements and campus hosting costs were provided by the grant funds. The next much larger expense will occur at the end of January 2019 when the steering committee members meet for two days in New York City to align criteria for awarding badges.

#### **3) Please provide feedback regarding your experience with the project execution, in particular any issues or roadblocks you've encountered that may have been unexpected.**

The basic difficulty has been finding a common time for steering committee members to meet in an accessible location. Schedules do not easily mesh. We knew that this issue could present a challenge but we didn't expect other arising campus issues to intervene as much with meeting plans.

#### **4) What are your positive observations or pleasant surprises about your team's interaction or project process that might be helpful to other PI's?**

All the members of the steering committee are very compatible and each person has expertise in areas that positively contribute to the project development. Building a team that works well together and remains engaged throughout the project is very important for PI's to consider.

#### **5) Please describe any challenges you've encountered working with your project team that you've found solutions for that might be helpful to other PI's.**

It is important to assign tasks to individuals, provide parameters and timelines for completion of each task and clearly describe the responsibilities of those individuals charged with assigned tasks.