University of Illinois Involvement in New Orleans (Post Katrina)

Outline

A. Intro

A year after Hurricane Katrina made landfall along the Louisiana and Mississippi Gulf coasts, the rebuilding efforts are still ongoing. As the city reconstructs, the University of Illinois has been serving as an active participant with the citizens of New Orleans. While the students of University of Illinois, the University of Illinois Administration, and the cities of Champaign and Urbana responded swiftly to initial survival needs of the people of New Orleans, the follow on reconstruction planning has been limited to a few faculty, staff, and students.

B. Initial Hurricane relief efforts

1. Food
2. Basic need items
3. Funds
4. Service projects
5. Students late transfer acceptance from New Orleans schools

C. Classification of work

Olshansky- research and consultant
Miron- research
Bates- consultant, teaching advisor, and research

1. Research- post disaster planning to apply to the next possible disaster,
2. Consultant
3. Teaching advisor

D. Goals for projects

1. Stressful situation that must be done quickly and delicately.

E. Duration of work

F. Best kind of involvement for New Orleans

G. Allies/critics

H. Contacts in New Orleans- on the ground

1. Sources in planning groups
2. University of New Orleans
3. Businesses- CDC-ACORN,
4. Schools
I. University of Illinois Support
   1. Press
      Newspapers
   2. Financial
      Supported by civic engagement funds
      Future grants
   3. Alumni
      No involvement