

Minutes for the TOPSS Committee Zoom Meeting

January 21, 2025, 7:30 PM Eastern time

Participating on call: Natasha Alston, Michael Berndt, Stephanie Franks, Kari Hall, Melissa Rogers, Joshua Viau, Virginia Welle, Jennifer Thompson, Frank Worrell, Emily Leary Chesnes, Sue Orsillo, Beth Schwartz, Aliza Epstein

Unable to participate: Jenni Redifer. Hideko Sera

Welcome and Introductions

TOPSS committee members introduced themselves.

Approving December TOPSS meeting minutes

TOPSS approved minutes from the December 17, 2024, TOPSS Committee call.

2024 TOPSS Work Plan Metrics

Committee members were asked to review its work plan metrics from 2024 and consider what went well last year and where there is room for improvement. Members noted the webinars held in 2024 went well and noted that the TOPSS resources to infuse representation and diversity into the curriculum were viewed over 17,000 times in 2024. The new Request for Proposals program to support summer teaching workshops was also successful.

Plans for Advancing TOPSS Goals in 2025

Committee members discussed plans to advance the initiatives on their 2025 workplan. The committee plans to use subcommittees in 2025 to advance their work: one focused on TOPSS resources and a second focused on professional development and regional teaching networks. Committee members spent time in separate breakout rooms discussing how the subcommittees want to plan for and accomplish its work in the first quarter of 2025.

APA 2025

Committee members received an update on potential TOPSS-invited speakers for APA 2025.

Next TOPSS Calls

TOPSS was approved for a hybrid meeting in Washington, DC, March 14-15, 2025. Details will be shared with members soon.

Committee members agreed to use a February call to advance the subcommittee work.

New Member Orientation

A new member orientation was held for the new committee members.