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**New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology**

**Humanizing Technology**

The New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology proposes to create interdisciplinary (Humanticies/STEM) clusters for research and education. The major goal is to "humanize technology" but the proposed benefit is also for the Humanities: As a result of collaboration with Science and Technology, the Humanities will see an increase in their technical capabilities.

The proposal suffers from a lack of specificity that makes it difficult to evaluate. All the goals mentioned are extremely general: (1) The dissemination and publication of STEM research will be "humanized," (2) digital technologies will be developed; and (3) digital collaborations enhanced.

Nevertheless, the major focus of the proposal seems to be simply the sponsorship of 38 meetings (at $50/meeting) of two "clusters" focused on "Visualizing STEM research" and "Education". The results of these meetings will be posted and a white paper will be drafted that describes and assesses the activities carried out by the two clusters during the Level I grant period. Finally, the experiences gained through the cluster meetings will be developed into a future Level II grant in this same NEH program.

Just over 80 percent of the budget will support graduate student effort (1,500 hours over two years) "to assist the PI in grant management". This is, at best, a perplexing job description given that the activities seems to be limited to 38 simple meetings among faculty.

In sum there seems to be no innovative elements to the project. There is a very poorly developed claim of the benefits of interdisciplinary collaboration and a utilization of digital technology in its most rudimentary form.

**Overview**

Intellectual significance: This proposal has very little intellectual significance. It is mainly focused on increasing interdisciplinary community in a single institution.

Impact on research and technology:

Innovation: There is no clearly expressed innovative facet to the proposal.

Proposal development: The proposal is too general to comment on its development.

Feasibility: Extremely feasible but solely due to the very modest goals.

Qualifications: Unable to judge.