



## GEAC Meeting

January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022

11-12:30pm

**Attendance:** Anne Dahlman, Nancy Drescher, Gregory Wilkins, Paolo Infante, Daniel Benson, Laura Yin, Erica Johnson, Anna Ochs, Olga Nelson, Jacy Fry, Mohamed Diab, Rachel Sherlock, Chandler Holland, Yalda Hamidi, and Aaron Deris.

Notes by Brittany McKibben

**Welcome** (Interim Dean Dahlman):

*Travel Approvals-* Students aren't allowed to travel yet but we can accept students from all over the world. In terms of employee travel, we need presidential approval for all levels. Level 3 & 4 are tough to get approval for. Forms for travel are available at: <https://mankato.mnsu.edu/academics/global-education/international-delegations-and-partners/international-travel/>

### **Global Ed Team Org Chart:**

We went through our current org chart and discussed who does what in each department within Global Education. Utilize this chart to know who to reach out to and know who does what in each dept.

- **CELP-** started 16 years ago and has gone through a lot of changes since then. Paolo is the incoming director.
- **KIC-** Lots of changes with staffing structure over the past few years. Starting to be able to fill permanent positions.
  - If international students come to faculty for concerns, please utilize Mav Connect. This would be the most thoughtful approach to be able to help them with their needs.
- **CGE-** Primarily two staff are working there, and they have many vacant positions but are also reorganizing to have less positions available. They host two graduate assistants and have six student workers.

**Faculty led programs:** We are currently not doing these. We will have faculty grants available for curriculum and site visit grants. We are trying to be nimbler this year due to not knowing who can or cannot travel. We have dollars for faculty duty days and site visits. Let Anne and Erica know what ideas you have so that you can work together.

### **International Sabbaticals:**

We want faculty to go on international sabbaticals! We are involved with FulBright applications, and we try to connect previous faculty who had previous Fulbright's. We can brainstorm and help with any collaborations. The more faculty that goes abroad, the more globally minded faculty we have on campus! Please let Anne or Erica know if you have any faculty interested in doing a sabbatical. We are working hard to make these opportunities a reality.

### **Update on Partnerships:**

- Pertamina University is a brand-new partner! They are a business school that's privately funded in Indonesia. They want a 2+2 agreement with their students. Meeting with them weekly. Building out a map about what the students will take when they come to MSU, and we may have an opportunity to include a master's program with this.
- University of Guatemala- School of Medicine: Sought out MSU as part of a grant application. We did not get the grant, but they want to part with us anyways! We will be their first international partner! Course work all the way up to residency.
- Met with a educational organization out of China for potential opportunities.
- K-12 is a connection that's starting to grow (internationally).

If you know of schools, programs, or groups that you feel we should explore, please let Erica know. A lot more schools are starting to have summer programs in English and students may be able to travel in the summer vs during the school year.

#### **Incoming international student updates from KIC and CELP (J. Fry and G. Poupore):**

- 208 students have been registered so far. There will be more, but some students can't fly to the U.S. due to positive covid tests. Students will continue to check in all next week.
- If you see an international student looking lost, please help them get to KIC.
- Students are struggling to connect with their families to help pay for their schooling.
- Covid is greatly impacting international students.
- Airmet- Platform where conferences can be held. It has breakout rooms and capabilities to invite people to the "stage". If there's something your department or area could use this for, please reach out to Jacy.
- Always looking to hire international students for an hourly rate. If you have needs for undergrad employment, please let Anne and Jacy know.

#### **ACE Internationalization Lab Spring 2022:**

End goal is a strategic plan for 2030, prepared in Spring 2023. Make sure to get your voice in on this!

**Workgroup 1:** Erica Johnson & Paolo Infante- Global Opportunities

**Workgroup 2:** Jacy Fry & Olga Nelson- Outstanding opportunities for international students on our campus

**Workgroup 3:** Anna Ochs & Thomas Carlson (with oversight by Erica Johnson)-Focused on students and outgoing education abroad- how to optimize and maximize that experience

**Workgroup 4:** Anne Dahlman & Laura Yin- Looking at the University level strategic resource/policy lens

*Kickoff is on January 20<sup>th</sup> and all four workgroups will be there!*

#### **Other items for discussion?**

An international travel opportunity approved by Minnstate. St. Cloud is hosting International Education Professional Development Week at Alnwick, UK. May 10-14th. It is \$500 for the week and that includes lodging, conference, and most of food. You must pay for your own air fare to and from. Open to anyone! It's already preapproved.