



## GEAC Meeting Notes

October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
11-12:30pm

**Attendance:** Erica Johnson, Jacy Fry, Olga Nelson, Thomas Carlson, Mohamed Diab, Wade Davis, Nancy Drescher, Guadalupe Quintero, Aaron Deris, Jill Fisher, Laura Yin, Agnes Odinga-Oluoch, and Brittany McKibben.

Notes by Brittany McKibben

### Welcome and Center Updates

#### CELP (O. Nelson)

- Social events- Valley fair, mall of America, bowling, and Halloween party
- Paolo planning for recruitment trip (promo video)
- Costa Rica recruitment trip (early November)

#### KIC (J. Fry)

- New staff has started this week
- Alyssa and Beth are traveling to do recruiting- Countries they are visiting is in Uzbekistan, Egypt, and Ethiopia to do recruiting
- Changes are happening to the scholarships- still wanting to honor and engage the students on campus as well as encourage them to do volunteer work
  - If you work in a department that is heavily engaged in students doing things outside of the department, please let KIC know
- <https://www.mnsu.edu/academics/global-education/centers-of-global-education/international-student-services/scholarships/cultural-contribution-scholarship/>

#### CGE (E. Johnson)

- **Website:**
  - Global Education website is being redone- this will be a long, ongoing process
  - We are doing consulting on an hourly basis due to not having a communications position on our team currently
- **Delegation Visit:**
  - University of Oulu, Finland- October 2022
    - They are doing a circuit of partners here in Minnesota
    - Focusing on teacher training and program opportunities
- **New partner requests:**
  - University of Florence, Italy

- Aaron Deris has been working with them and wants to partner with them for teaching and coursework and at some point, study abroad
    - Known for childhood development
  - Rhodes University, South Africa
    - Brian Wasserman has been working with them
- **Gilman Scholarship**
  - Use for any international program
  - Up to \$5,000 and students can receive an extra \$3000 if they do language immersion
  - Next round deadline will be March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023
  - <https://www.gilmanscholarship.org/>
- **Exchange Numbers**
  - First semester that we've been able to go international since covid
    - 25 students are going abroad, 10 AY
    - Large number of students are interested in going for full academic year
    - Incoming exchange students- 38 here on campus, 20 are for the full academic year
    - Spring 2023
      - 30 outgoing students and 10 AY
      - 38 incoming students- 18 semester and 20 AY
      - There are 15 students being nominated for incoming in Spring 2023
- **Partnerships to be renewed:**
  - Universidad de Nayarit
  - Kyungpook National University
  - Toyo University
  - St. Polten University
  - Haaga-Helia University
  - Metropolia University
- **Updates from Colleges/Divisions:**
  - Nancy Drescher- Talked to a professor from Norway about bringing a cohort of students to MSU for an English and history program
    - 20-25 students for each cohort, 1 semester in Fall 2023
  - Agnes Odinga-Oluoch- Interested in some projects to bring to GEAC
    - The first one is regarding her engagement with NAFSA Academy. That project has to do with an issue that is related to internationalization/global education. She must choose a project that is about internationalization and DEI. How many students can we send abroad? Hoping to work with our office here to figure out strategies to help increase the number. Most immediate is about the financial component.
    - The second component is creating or designing impactful study abroad programs. We must assess the kinds of programs we are developing and

strategic ways we can make them palatable to a larger population of student.

- **Faculty-Led Programs**

- Having to tweak this process- One of the major changes is we must go through the single source or RFP processes
- Our current process was flagged by the systems office
- Moving the proposal process to once a year starting in fall for the next academic year
- February 17<sup>th</sup> will be the shortened proposal due back so it can be taken to GEAC
- We recognize this may put some departments in a pinch, but we are working very closely with the Deans to strive to have a strong relationship with them to have it on their radar of what's happening
- Full international programs will be able to go this spring
- Going toward having a program use a provider at all times for risk management purposes
- In terms of the contract- every program will be different in terms of how it's operated and the cost. If you are wanting to consider doing a program, reach out to Anna Ochs to plan out what next steps will be
- Our website has not been updated yet- in the process in deactivating the faculty-led site until it can be updated

- **Grant Awards**

- In the past we've had \$15,000 available to take requests from faculty on curriculum development grants and site visit grants
- We often get requests to do a site visit and then nothing comes of it or when it is done it's more through the curriculum lens verses the risk management lens
- Proposing to scale back money for site visit grants and have a Global Initiative grant that would be used for conferences and internationalization
- There are underutilized funds for professional development, and we want to utilize it to avoid losing it

- **Flexibility in the Academic year for courses**

- Course where you can bring in student activities during finals week
- 1–3-week programming that starts in finals week
  - 3-week program- more bang for your buck compared to the 1 or 2-week program
- This could be specific to certain programs, classes, or majors
- High impact practice with global engagement opportunity
- These would be credit bearing to start- allows for more flexibility with funding
  - Noncredit bearing would depend how it was funded