

GEAC Minutes
February 22, 2019

In attendance:

Elizabeth Finsness, David Kimori, Rama Mohapatra, Abo-El-Yazeed Habib, Steve Powell, Olga Nelson, Nancy O'Brien, Jill Fischer and Anna Ochs.

Requested Items for Discussion and Approval

1) Revisit of partnership proposals- Kisii University, Kenya

- Presented by Elizabeth Finsness and David Kimori

Presented background information, an email from the Dean of the College of Education, and a memo outlining the background, activities, and stewardship on campus for the proposed partnership.

- There was follow-up discussion that addressed similar concerns expressed in the email note from the Dean of the College of Education. Specifically, the concern was around widespread use of the term, "exchange" with no mention of the term MOU in the submitted background information. Committee members were unclear about the intent based on this document – but looking at the memo, members were more comfortable, as the memo underscores the recommendation to create a MOU rather than an exchange agreement.
- It was proposed that the wording in the background information document lean less toward exchange language and more toward language that supports a broad-range MOU – as indicated in the memo provided.
- One suggested language change for the background information document would be to insert the following sentence in the second paragraph between the first and second sentence of that paragraph.
 - "We are proposing a broad-range MOU with Kisii University."
 - In addition, remove the next sentence that begins with, "In particular, Kisii University and faculty..."
- A draft of the broad-range MOU is forthcoming.
- The three voting members of GEAC were in favor of these changes, and subsequently *conditionally* endorsed the forward momentum of an MOU with Kisii University with further clarity of language as outlined above.

2) Extension of Exchange Agreement with Queen's University- Belfast

- Presented by Rama Mohapatra
- During the extension of the exchange agreements with Queen's University- Belfast, Psychology was not previously included as part of the exchange agreement. The discussion of adding a fourth discipline to the Queens-Belfast exchange agreement had already occurred, but the latest exchange agreement had not yet reflected these changes. It was brought forward to a

vote to add Psychology as a forth exchange program with Queen's University in Belfast.

- The three voting members present, endorsed the proposal that Psychology be added to the existing exchange agreement.

Faculty-Led Program Proposals

- February 15, 2019 was the deadline for fall 2019 and spring 2020 faculty-led program proposals. The members present at the meeting divided the proposals so that at least two and in most cases, three GEAC members were able to review new/renewing proposals and complete rubrics on each one. Out of 24 proposals, 16 proposals were reviewed. A smaller group of GEAC members will review the remaining eight proposals following the CEAA office move to Morris Hall in early March.