



## GEAC Meeting Notes

April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025

11-12:30pm

**Attendance:** Will Coghill-Behrends, Jacy Fry, Erica Johnson, Paolo Infante, Olga Nelson, Paulina Camacho, Rachael Hanel, Chandler Holland, Andrea Vasquez, Heather Camp, Elizabeth Finsness, Kim Johnson, Antonia Yenser, Alissa Morson, Mohammad Alam, Anna Ochs and Brittany McKibben

Notes by Brittany McKibben

### Updates from Global Education:

#### Dean of Global Ed:

- SEVIS Terminations have continued to take place
  - 12 students have been terminated so far
  - Typically, if there is a question about a student regarding their status, DHS gives us a phone call and this hasn't happened this year
  - These students are young people looking to improve their lives, and there is no debating the actions by our government; proud of how MNSU has stood up and supported our students
- Program Review
  - It's important to look at what we want to be as an institution moving forward; attentive to financials, student learning, and career outcomes
  - The Council of Deans has presented three models and next week a final portfolio will be put forward on May 1<sup>st</sup>
- Budget
  - The budget continues to get worse; diminished surplus at the State level, deflation, tuition freeze, etc.
  - Working closely with Anne Gillespie to work on a budget plan
  - Enrollments continue to be strong which is a key to our future
  - Funding comes through advancement; we have been working with advancement to build a capital campaign specific to Global Education and are hoping to launch in Mid-May
    - Student Support and Mobility
- Fulbright
  - Working to mobilize work in Fulbright around students and faculty/staff
  - The Fulbright student program for 25/26 has yet to announce awardees
    - A lot of uncertainty around this program due to budget cuts
  - On the faculty side, Drs. Coghill-Behrends and Johnson were to have a meeting but the faculty were put on administrative leave; hoping to connect at NAFSA 2025

- MN Fulbright Association's funding has been frozen; we are continuing to move forward with some events but without funding
  - [Will Steger](#) was the speaker at the Fulbright MN event this week
- We have a campus with a lot of great energy, intellect and commitment to move some programs forward despite these complicated situations
- Private funding is still promoting active grant funding; if you come across any of these please reach out to Will
- Strategic Planning
  - We have a good first draft of our strategic plan for the next six years
  - Have shared this with President Inch
  - Our plan was to seek feedback from campus through March and April for a final plan in May, but with everything is happening, we have decided to pause any campus feedback sessions until Summer/Fall
- ASA IT Conference
  - Procurement Audits- they are talking about more intensive auditing
  - When we implanted Workday, we lost some good progress such as instruction videos for pcards
    - Have had issues where staff put things on their pcard that they can't do, but there hasn't been clear direction and they haven't taken account to ways that travel has changed over the years
  - Everyone who is in an approval chain, it's important to make sure we have all the appropriate documentation
- Global Learning Affinity Group
  - Had a great launch of this group in March; next meeting is tomorrow at 12pm
  - Laid out what we mean about Global Learning and discussed curriculum; this is a way to get faculty/staff to implement global learning into their teaching
  - Tomorrow, we will review curriculum and also look at survey results
  - Great resource for faculty on campus
- Stole
  - Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6pm
  - This ceremony will be very special this year as it's been a hard spring for international students
  - Great way to honor our community and how they have rallied around our students
  - Invitation and RSVP will be sent out

#### **CELP:**

- Currently have 50 admits as of today
  - On April 24<sup>th</sup> last year, we had 43 so we are 7 applicants up

- Have issued 31 I20s and have 1 Visa as of today; admit students until June 30<sup>th</sup>
- In Spring 2025 we ran two three-week programs with Tokai (9 students); embraced the MN Winter
  - Homestay families supported them
  - Did a few events with them while they were here such as Mount Kato
- Hosted 11 students from [Kansai Medical University in Osaka, Japan](#)- 2 week nursing/CELP joint initiative
  - Simulation Labs
  - Lectures
  - Biomedical Summit
  - Various international scholars that they engaged with
- Please consider partnering with CELP on a short-term program in the future
- This summer we are launching a program around current events and global affairs while working on their English; ability to engage with guest speakers and others across campus

#### **CGE:**

- Faculty-led programs are taking off this year
  - South Korea
    - New program this year
    - Getting a sight visit to LG and other large corporations
    - Baseball game
  - Thailand
  - France
- Faculty-leds for next year
  - 6 have gotten the approval to move forward
  - Costa Rica and Tanzania will be new programs
    - Hoping for long term partnership with them
- Exchange Students
  - 16 students are outbound for Summer; South Korea, Italy, Peru, and Greece
  - 45 students are inbound for Fall
    - Largest group will come from the Netherlands
  - 27 students are outbound for Fall
  - Few exchange students are looking for opportunities to come back as Grad Students
- International Transfer Pathways
  - In the process to revamp and get students here
  - 2+2 agreements are typical, but gets prohibited in terms of flexibility to get students through
  - Anticipating 5 or 6 students coming through this transfer pathway
    - Biology is where the students are wanting to be

- Working to force a culture change on campus

**KIC:**

- Recruitment Update
  - Fall 2025 deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Team is working with students on any missing documentation
  - Have a documentation deadline of June 1<sup>st</sup> to make sure they can get their I20s in time
- Fall Numbers
  - 42 Visas; in 2024 there were 40 Visas issued at this time
  - 30 incoming transfers
- Open Doors
  - Printed magazines have arrived
  - MNSU is 4<sup>th</sup> in Diversity of Origin (previously tied with CalState)
  - Alissa submitted the Open Doors data last week
- Retention
  - Doing work around keeping students engaged; encouraging not to travel abroad over the summer due to what's going on
- Advising
  - Advising appointments have increased
  - Trend of students falling out of status but they're very eager to get back into status by doing their F1 reinstatement process
- Ethiopian Student's
  - Currently in a protection status; recognizing that their countries are in War
  - Trumps Administration is letting this expire