

Global Initiatives Meeting Minutes

April 23, 2021

In attendance: Giselda Beaudin, Jim Johnson, Ed Bustos, Emily Nodine, Doragnes Bradshaw, Jenifer Ruby, Marc Sardy, Hilary Cooperman, Keith Whittingham, Alberto Prieto-Calixto

- Approval of the March meeting minutes – motion from Jenifer; seconded by Ed; passed unanimously
- Plan for increasing student engagement with global learning:
 - Continue to work with Advancement to secure funding to increase access to study abroad
 - Continue current International Programs and Global Initiatives outreach efforts and expand them as follows:
 - Regular outreach to SGA and student organizations/FSL
 - Work with Residential Life on RA programming
 - Inquire about visiting all RCC courses (or second-semester rFLA courses)
 - Continue with social media outreach and expand to do more social media takeovers, have more student videos, etc.
 - 2021-22 Develop a global version of the “CE” course
 - 2021-22 Continue to invite faculty and staff to propose short, low-cost programs and/or develop 1-2 programs that would meet this need
 - Spring 2021 Researched institutions with global certificate or passport programs to determine if this is something we might want to implement. Based on what we learned, we have decided not to pursue this option:
 - All but one of the institutions we spoke with said that the program primarily served students already engaged with global learning. Since our goal is to try and engage students who are not already engaged, this does not serve our primary goal.
 - All the programs required extensive staff time – 25% of a full-time position plus a graduate assistant or 50% of a full-time position. We do not have the resources for this.
 - Jenifer shared that we might consider State Department Ideas grant program to diversify study abroad
- Jenifer reported from NAFSA Advocacy Day:
 - Visited representatives’ offices to advocate for international students and study abroad
 - Senator Rubio’s office was fairly supportive but Senator Scott’s was not.
- International Travel Risk committee update
 - Meeting on May 6 to make a decision about int’l travel for fall semester study abroad
- Plan for increasing reflection associated with study abroad
 - Giselda shared a summary of the report and recommendations
 - 56% of outbound study abroad students and 75% of international students already do some kind of reflection associated with the study abroad experience
 - Types of reflection, however, are quite varied

- Shared recommendations to enhance reflection (for outbound study abroad and incoming international students) and create more consistency in types of reflection (for outbound study abroad)
- Jenifer mentioned that we could also include data for students who participated in the Florida International Leadership Conference, which also includes extensive reflection
- RIG grants:
 - Confirmed that we are getting some refunds from vendors for the Colombia program – total sunk costs are less than \$25,000 and we will be getting some of that refunded.
 - Asked Colombia leaders if they want to try and run the program next year
 - If yes, invite current participants. If anyone can't go or is ineligible next year, then we can put out a call for applications for participants to take the free place(s).
 - If the leaders don't wish to run the program, we will put out a call for group program proposals in the fall.
 - Keith mentioned that there are also the sunk costs of faculty-staff time in the seminar and preparing presentations, which is another argument to run the program next year.
 - Plans to revise the RIG application in response to the survey data:
 - Giselda and Jim will work on this as a summer project and submit the changes to the committee in the fall.
 - Doragnes also volunteered to help with this
- Shared the Global Experience Index – Student-facing version
 - Jim suggested that we see if a Crummer student employee can develop a Crummer version next year
 - Jenifer suggested that we also develop a Holt version next year
- Ed reported on international student numbers for CLA:
 - Looking good, but not sure if we can get them here due to entry restrictions (China and Brazil) and limited visa appointments in US embassies overseas (many countries)
 - Have three Alford scholars who are international
 - Also good numbers for US citizens from abroad – and they will be able to enter the US
- Thanks to members rotating off: Hilary Cooperman, Zackary Gilmore, and Alberto Prieto-Calixto
 - Special thanks to Hilary and Zack for serving an extra year to stagger new members on the committee
- Welcome to new members: Dan Flick, Yudit Greenberg, and Astha Sen
- Keith shared that he will be on sabbatical in fall but staying on committee –won't be able to make all the meetings
- Thank you to all committee members for your service this year and in prior years.
 - Special thanks to Marc, who is serving a second term on the committee
- Next year's committee meeting dates will be determined after new members join the committee.