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Global Initiatives
Meeting Notes
September 17, 2021

Present: Jim Johnson, Astha Sen, Fiona Brown, Jenifer Ruby, Ed Bustos, Emily Nodine, Marc Sardy; Guest – Dean Rob Sanders (Holt)

The meeting could not officially commence as less than eight committee members were present.

However, those of us present recommended the adoption of the minutes from August 27th meeting.

Jim's update on his travel plans for the next meeting date for the committee – Jim will be traveling to Prague with Crummer students the last week of October but has planned to arrive early for a presentation at a virtual conference on October 22 or 23 – the time of his session has not yet been confirmed.

Rob Sanders – gave the present members a walkthrough of the motivation and the story behind his proposal. Following are some highlights

- Bring the global perspective and enhance faculty's professional development by—taking faculty to different international locations starting with this proposal.
- Emphasized the proposal idea is multifold – To have everyone get together to critically think over issues.
- Increase the Holt participation in study abroad initiatives.
- To really think about the Sustainable Development Goals in a global context. Create opportunities to talk about new creative methods to internationalize the faculty, Rollins community and Holt community at Rollins.

More details from Rob on his proposal

- The selection of participants for this program – is not competitive but is formalized through a carefully thought through application process, which is interdisciplinary in nature. As a part of the application process -- applicants are required to think about SDGs both locally (spatically) and at Rollins.
- For the pre-meetings on campus (that is the on-campus classroom portion of the seminar)— Among other things, poster presentations will be used to engage with the University wide community.
- Selection of Vienna –
 - City's name comes up as one the greenest cities in the world.
 - Comfortability with the navigation of the group and the visit.
 - Easier to organize activities in the city
 - Manageable travel for Rollins community
- Collaborative efforts with organizations at Vienna—
 - Collaboration with Ashoka (professional organization in Austria and Vienna).
 - Plan to collaborate with the policy think tanks in Vienna—discussion of the SD approaches pursued and maintained.

We then also brainstormed on ideas to increase the visibility of committee's grants—

- Discuss the importance of grants originating from GI committee and its objectives at the Faculty department meetings.
- To be discussed further at next month's meeting

Develop a plan for promoting the CLA student roadmap to global citizenship and getting it out to students/helping students use it: (<https://www.rollins.edu/global-initiatives/documents/map-to-global-citizenship.pdf>)

- Fiona Brown (Student rep.) agreed to discuss with her peers ways of promoting the roadmap to students and to present those ideas at next month's meeting.

New Business Marc Sardy is interested in bringing the Duke of Edinburgh's (DofE) Award program to Rollins as part of our internationalization initiatives. The program is based in the UK but is recognized and highly respected internationally, and operates in over 130 countries. It is similar to the Eagle Scout program in that an individual must undertake a series of challenges and complete a significant project that aids the community. At present, no institution in the South East is involved in this program. Marc will prepare a proposal for discussion at the October meeting.