SENATE COMMITTEE ON GLOBAL PROGRAMS
Meeting 1: October 22, 2013

Minutes


Members Absent: Madhuri Desai, M. Amanul Haque, Valerie Ann Lynn, Henry J. Morello, Kathleen J. Noce, Jon F. Nussbaum, Rama B. Radhakrishna

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Nousek moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting; the move was seconded by Gilchrist. Motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chair Greg Crawford welcomed committee members and reminded everyone that the next meeting would take place on December 10, 2013. At that time the committee will see the draft of the Engaged Scholarship report, which is due to the Faculty Senate on January 28, 2014.

OLD BUSINESS: At the December 10, 2013 meeting, the committee will see the subcommittee draft of the Engaged Scholarship report, which is due to the Faculty Senate on January 28, 2014.

1. Michael Adewumi addressed the committee to discuss the University’s faculty-driven global efforts. The Global Programs strategy has 3 dimensions:
   a. Sending students abroad whenever possible, building their global confidence
   b. Attracting foreign students to interact with local students
   c. Building strategic partnerships to address global problems through GENS
      i. Long-term, deep and broad university relationships built on existing faculty and college relationships
         1. China (Nanjing, PKU, Shanghai, Dalian)
         2. Germany (Freiberg)
         3. South Korea (SKKU)
         4. Japan
         5. India
         6. South Africa
d. 2012-2013 Global Programs Information
   i. @3,000 PSU students studied abroad in 200 different programs (up 27%)
   ii. Fastest growing segment of study abroad is embedded programs
   iii. 61% of students still go to Western Europe, but faculty-led programs are more diversified
   iv. By the end of their time at PSU, still only 1/5 of students will have studied abroad; GP goal is to increase that number. Finance remains a hurdle; scholarships are being sought.
   v. 7,200 international student are studying at Penn State across the Colleges and Campuses.
      1. Three countries (China, South Korea, India) account for 60%
      2. Additional diversity south through faculty engagement and GENS network expansion.

2. Sylvester Osagie reported the Global Penn State Conference had included 246 participants from 15 campuses
   a. There will be a follow up with regional workshops
   b. Plan to work with Madlyn Hanes to increase international engagement on the Campuses, both in hosting students and sending students abroad. Barriers include location and lack of residence halls.

3. Michael Adewumi discussed Engaged Scholarship is at the core of Global Programs for International Students
   a. Experiencing world beyond classroom
   b. Infusing engagement activities over 4 years
      i. Acclimating to American culture
      ii. Community engagement beyond campus
      iii. Leadership
      iv. Reconnect to PSU to form basis for stronger international alumni network

4. Michael Adewumi discussed the Travel Registry
   a. Objective is to keep faculty and students safe while abroad
   b. HTH Worldwide Travel Insurance
      i. Health
      ii. Rescue (Extrication)
      iii. Already compulsory for students
      iv. Very inexpensive
      v. Family insurance is available but voluntary
      vi. Kara Amoratis is Global Operations Coordinator
   c. Links on the following website have information: https://global.psu.edu/info/academics-research/global-operations-support/traveling-university-purpose/student-group-trave-1
5. John Noussek asked about the status of Global Programs regarding World Campus. Michael Adewumi indicated that to date most WC students are based in the US, but that the WC does hold potential for increasing PSU’s international student pool.

6. Andrew Freiberg asked whether or not there has been an attempt to also track international student engagement during the PSU years, but not directly related to PSU activities, such as mission trips. Michael Adewumi indicated the university does not track such activity at this time, but that it might be included in an overall metric measuring Global Programs “success,” possibly as part of an exit survey for graduating seniors. New student orientation surveys could serve as a “pre-test” for global competence before PSU education begins.

7. Michael Chorney asked about Medical School involvement in Global Programs. Michael indicated that there was interest, but there were legal constraints on participation. Andy Freiberg indicated that international students could be interviewed and ranked for pediatric residencies, but that is not possible in all cases. It appears that international is not a big part of grad school population at Hershey, except for post-docs.

8. Molly Droelle asked about opportunities for local student to interact with international students. Michael Adewumi indicated there were some opportunities on and off campus
   a. GELI: Global Experience Learning Initiative accommodates 40 students
   b. Peer advisors
   c. Global Connections Language Partners program

9. Michael Chorney asked about NSF grants providing an opportunity for students to study abroad. Michael Adewumi indicated that this a possibility, but that all NSF grants are faculty driven. One example is the PIRE program to understand bilingual language acquisition.

10. Subcommittee Reports:
    a. Engaged Scholarship has a plan to put together report. Information will include
       i. Opportunities for undergrads to participate in international research
       ii. Embedded Programs
       iii. Limited to undergraduate education for both US and international students, not graduate students
       iv. Draft will be available to committee before our next meeting
    b. Embedded Programs
       i. Met after meeting
       ii. Looking for some list of programs for data collection
       iii. Some embedded programs provide opportunities for Grad Students as leaders
iv. Greg Crawford offered help based on a survey of embedded program satisfaction done at Harrisburg

c. Student Welfare
   i. Co-Chairs are Gilchrist and Droelle
   ii. Survey planned
   iii. Data will be available from Student Forum; Droelle is attending
   iv. CCSG would be a good partner for data collection
   v. There is a desire to create some kind of partnership or mentorship initiative

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Those wishing to contribute ideas to the Global Programs SPEC committee should get in touch with Greg Crawford or Colleen Connolly-Ahern, both committee members. Report is due to the committee in November.

2. Colleen Balukas announced that PIRE program members were presenting their work at a forum in the Foster Auditorium the following week. She planned to follow up with an invitation to the committee with details.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35. Nousek moved to adjourn; the move was seconded by Freiberg. Motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote. Senators broke into subcommittee groups to continue work. Reports of subcommittees were not available at the time minutes were prepared.

Minutes prepared by Colleen Connolly-Ahern, Vice Chair, Global Programs Committee