



GEAC Meeting Notes  
February 5, 2021  
11-12:30

Participants: Glen Poupore, Greg Wilkins, Erica Johnson, Dominik Drabent, Jacy Fry, Guadalupe Quintero, Anne Dahlman, Mohamed Diab, Jehad Adwan, Rama Mohapatra, Anna Ochs, Wade Davis, Matt Loayza, Chandler Holland, Dan Benson, Agnes Odinga-Oluoch

1. Brief Discussion on President Search:

- The search committee has done their job and will not meet again.
- Anne encourages us all to attend the president sessions next week.

2. Campus Updates:

- Greg Wilkins
  - 8x8 ft sculpture out of snow – made in collaboration with the only indigenous women’s snow team
  - Free ice skating next – limited number of skates are available – performing arts lawn
- Lupe Quintero
  - Working on innovative ideas to retain minority students
  - Enrollment is slightly down
  - Pandemic is affecting minority students in multiple ways
- Anne
  - Applications for next AY is down 10% - for all applications
  - Applications for International students is up 60%
  - Universities are a group of people not just a place on a map – community of learners bounded by our vision and our mission -> Students need to buy into our brand
- Glen
  - Asked about vaccinations for fall? Requirements for students- inquiries from our partners in South Korea and Japan
    - Anne: has been discussed at meet and confers -> Guidelines will come from the Systems office.
- Rama: 2030 equity plan – inclusion of minority contractors
- Jehad: class is developing mock research studies
  - Strong indication of interest in health care for international students during a pandemic- at least primary care
  - Jacy said Health Care has been a challenge and accessibility on campus in terms of hours and cost. Health Insurance is required for all students.

- Jacy shared the link for more information:  
<mailto:https://mankato.mnsu.edu/university-life/health-and-safety/student-health-services/>
  - Jehad: brainstormed how the nursing program can be more integrated in the program- benefits for both nursing students and students
  - Mohamad: HAN is planning to send 2 students to MNSU for the fall – in the area of engineering and construction management. HAN does not have concerns regarding Covid-19 for the fall 2021 term. Covid-19 concerns – can be a regional concern.
3. Update on partnership development website and e-form
- New website and forms have been created:
    - Link: <mailto:https://mankato.mnsu.edu/academics/global-education/international-delegations-and-partners/international-partnership-development-guidelines/>
    - Has been tested for a new partnership already
    - Adopted from University of Montana
    - Revisions suggested from the group re: including a generic e-mail for questions.
  - MOU vs Agreement
    - Exchange Agreement
      - University wide effort
      - Strategic aspect – elevate a certain activity – university to university
      - Specific to student and faculty mobility
      - We are strategic with the partnerships that we enter into agreements with
      - Legal Agreement
    - MOU- more generic
      - Template from the state system
      - More collaborative agreement
      - No financial commitments
    - COIL collaborations do not always need to have agreements
4. Update on ACE Internationalization Lab- tabled until next month
5. Updates from Centers (engagement initiatives, partner updates, recruitment, and retention)

Jacy:

- enrollment is down 100 students (6-7 %) – compared to the national average we are doing well
  - Applications are up 58.8%
- Interviewing the last application for the Office Manager position- Jacy is very excited!
- 23 international students were hired with Global Education funds
- Recruitment Indicatives with specific colleges

- Sending an electronic poster to students when they are admitted!
- Previous director Dr. Kuhn Lee – who started the office passed away at the end January.
  - Endowment in his name:
    - [mailto:https://securelb.imodules.com/s/1913/c20/interior.aspx?sid=1913&gid=2&pgid=540&cid=1274&dids=445&sort=1&bledit=1&appealcode=memoriam\\_kuhnlee](mailto:https://securelb.imodules.com/s/1913/c20/interior.aspx?sid=1913&gid=2&pgid=540&cid=1274&dids=445&sort=1&bledit=1&appealcode=memoriam_kuhnlee)
- Undergraduate research paid position has been developed- \$15/hr

Erica:

- COIL development certificate – Launching March 15<sup>th</sup> – promo and grant information will be sent out shortly
  - Limited to 10 – since it is the first cohort
  - Lead Faculty – Sachi Sakimoto and Adriana Gordillo and Staff support: Dan Schwartz- Elizabeth Harsma and Erica Johnson
  - 4 sessions and once a week zoom session
  - Dean Loayza- would like a COIL demonstration – to conceptualize what is would be helpful- especially
- Delegation visits:
  - New MOU with the University of Southern Colombia – multiple department program opportunities
  - Osaka Media School- joined the families in crisis program with Hans Peter De Ruiter
    - MOU has been adjusted to include this
  - Pertamina – online COIL initiatives
- Campus outreach
  - Virtual Fair Feb 16, 17, 18
  - Fellowship event – focus on DEI s
- Hiring two Int'l student ambassadors
- Rise in interest for student travel
  - 30 interested in fall
    - 15 exchange
    - 7 NSE
  - 15 for Fall
- Waiting for system guidance for fall and summer travel
  - This includes FLP proposals
  - Decision Tree has been made to help with this process
- Hopeful for FLPS for Spring 2022 – will continue to be in touch with faculty

Glen:

- Running a full online program
- Feb 15-March 5: 3 week program virtually- 45 students
  - Includes two company presentations will take place during the program

- Fall semester: increase in applications
- Short Term- South Korea and Japan – they are very hesitant to send students for the fall semester – virtual will still be an option
- Graduate pathways/conditional admission via IEP are in the work!

6. Updates from Global Education Mission/Vision Workgroup -  
Homework from Anne:

Homework for next week's mission and vision workgroup:

Please review the notes from today's meeting on Teams, including chat comments (GEAC/GE Mission and Vision/WorkGroup January, 2021) and e-mail **one-to two mission statements** (e-mail me) prior to next work group meeting