



GEAC Meeting Notes

March 4th, 2022

11-12:30pm

Attendance: Anne Dahlman, Brittany McKibben, Olga Nelson, Aaron Deris, Daniel Benson, Paolo Infante, Jacy Fry, Rachel Sherlock, Laura Yin, Valeria Alameda-Basora, Yalda Hamidi, Erica Johnson, Elizabeth Finsness, Chandler Holland, Dominik Drabent, Nancy Drescher and Mohamed Diab.

Notes by Brittany McKibben

Welcome and Updates

International Travel:

- Discussed how to move forward with opening travel for students internationally.
- There was an announcement sent out on February 11th, 2022 stating that we are opening up out of state travel for students (Levels 1 and 2).
- Levels 3 and 4 need to go through the systems office. Currently, there is nothing happening over summer for student travel.
- Draft guidelines are being worked on at this time.
- For employees- A lot of international travel is being approved, including Level 3 and 4 if the warnings are mostly due to Covid-19.
- Travel guidelines also include anything that is not academic.
- All domestic and international travel requests need to be sent to Brittany McKibben at Brittany.mckibben.2@mnsu.edu or gloaled@mnsu.edu
- Any international travel requests need the permission of the President (who will consult the system as required).

AIEA- Recently had their annual conference in person and there were 450 people that attended in person. It was their 40th anniversary. Next COIL training is coming up after spring break, you can sign up for that through CETL. The big takeaway was creating a way for us, as GEAC, to determine the potential, caliber, and strategic significance of our partners. What are all the activities we are doing with our partners? Determining the potential of our partnerships would be something we would like to do and what are we looking at when creating partnerships/what makes a good partner.

Strategic Partner- University of Pertamina:

- Private university funded by a petroleum company. This is a strategic partner because it has huge potential.
- They will start as a Cohort.
- Currently, we are co-recruiting, and the students will get a dual degree
- 03/04/22- Provost Martensen participated in an hour-long visual YouTube meeting with Pertamina.
- First virtual open house was on February 18th, 2022 and 75-80 students were present out of the 125 that were invited. There were breakout sessions where they could dive into the programs. There will be another invitation for us on March 11th, 2022 to attend another open house and we are anticipating 25 students in a Cohort will be joining us.

Incoming Students:

KIC: They are having growth in the application numbers. KIC is still working on recruiting and making connections with students. There is a recruitment trip planned this spring. Two upcoming virtual dates utilizing air meet to connect with students. Two open Assisting Director positions being searched- Very excited to bring on permanent staff.

CELP: Had about 50 students that deferred to full but 90% didn't have an English score. They are now requiring an English score which is turning students away. Very happy to have the applications they have but the numbers are lower than last Spring. Working with a couple of agents in South Korea and one of the agents is currently recruiting students for our summer program. There will be a meeting in April to see how successful he's been. Hoping to have a summer program this year with the recruits!

Chuo University- Reached out and they want to do an in person with MSU for Spring Semester 2023. They are postponing until the Spring because they feel the Chinese Government will have less restrictions by then.

CGE: Nagasaki/Kwassui- Opportunities and interest by them and they have been long term partners with us. Nagasaki is looking for a proposal for a 25-student Cohort with language, culture, and academics (for CELP). Kwassui will be sending exchange students. There will be more to come.

Lab Workgroup Updates:

Workgroup 1:

- Discussing how global education and faculty on campus can focus on global learning and partnerships.
- Identified specific themes to dive deeper into.
- How changes may need to be made to the university infrastructure.
- Utilized SWOC analysis.

Workgroup 2:

- Have had one group meeting so far- Has varying experience across campus from new faculty to very tenured.
- Worked with SWOC analysis- where there's opportunities with international students, etc.
- Identifying stakeholders across campus and will be connecting with them- Strengths/weaknesses/challenges when it comes to supporting international students
- Next meeting will be focusing on student services

Workgroup 3:

- First meeting was on February 18th, 2022.
- Discussed integrating programs into majors- how to include study abroad into the programs.
- How to get faculty buy in- Researching/thinking about ideas on how to start in the beginning with students' vs towards the end. Students and faculty don't fully understand funding and how it can be used.

Workgroup 4:

- Has had two learning sessions and each one is two hours- Lots of discussion about the university wide resources- support for international student and faculty around sabbaticals/recruitments/research.
- Discussing current relationships with international students and how we can help students to better understand the university policies (avoiding plagiarism, etc.)
- How to strengthen the understanding and how to close the gap between international students and faculty
- How can we use classes strategically- utilize weekly events for a casual meeting to showcase different broad perspectives and create a welcoming environment.

NSE Update:

- This week is the national student exchange placement conference. Anna Ochs is attending that. St. Cloud State is apart of it this year.
- Working on draft process, all 13 of our students got their first placement.
- 25 students are looking to do an exchange or partner provider.
- NSE/Ed Abroad updates: 13 students for NSE, Fall 2022. Locations: Hawaii, Florida International University, Puerto Rico, New Mexico, California, and Canada- Nova Scotia and Montreal.
- If you have students who are interested, please send them to Erica Johnson. Students can also connect with Rachel in Financial Aid to discuss budgets.