



## University Faculty Committee on Global Engagement

### Minutes

**November 3, 2017 (Approved December 1, 2017)**

Committee Member	Representative Unit	Attended?
Askildson, Lance (Chair)	Division of Global Affairs; Vice Provost and Chief International Officer	Yes
Delacruz, Stacie	Bagwell College of Education	Yes
Dirnberger, Joseph	College of Science of Mathematics	Yes
Emerson, Christie	WellStar College of Health and Human Services	Yes
Kiernan, Philip	College of the Arts	Yes
Moodie, Doug proxy: Luc Noiset	Coles College of Business	Yes (Proxy)
Paracka, Dan	Division of Global Affairs – Education Abroad	Yes
Pusateri, Thomas	Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning	Yes
Rhodes, Jason	College of Humanities and Social Sciences	Yes
Schmidt, David	University College	Yes
Sharpe, Julie	Division of Global Affairs – Dir International Student and Scholar Services	Yes
Shpuza, Ermal	College of Architecture and Construction Management	No
Strawn-Valcey, Lyonka	Division of Global Affairs – Director, Education Abroad	Yes
Vacant	Southern Polytechnic College of Engineering and Engineering Technology	--
Jiang, Binbin		Guest

### 1. Call to order

Dr. Askildson called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM.

### 2. Review and Approval of the Minutes from October 6, 2017

Dr. Askildson asked for corrections to the minutes from the October 6, 2017 meeting. The Committee approved the minutes as corrected.

### 3. SIG Funding Discussion; Potential areas for reallocation

Dr. Jiang led discussion on funding for the Strategic Internationalization Grants. Last year, the committee received few submissions and some were of lower quality than desirable. Several proposals were focused on individual faculty members' research agendas rather than institution-wide internationalization initiatives. In addition, there will be future institution-wide budget cuts that will likely affect the future funding of this program.

The committee discussed the following possibilities:

- Revise the call for proposals to focus on specific initiatives that would contribute to the internationalization of the university (e.g., revision of the Global Engagement Certification program, recruitment and retention of international students).
- Provide course reassignments for faculty fellowships focused on development and implementation of DGA initiatives.
- Provide faculty access to a pool of funding on a rolling basis for small projects that contribute to internationalization (e.g., travel support to attend international conferences or collaborate with colleagues in other countries).

Dr. Askildson announced that KSU is in the process of transforming CIFAL Atlanta, a local training center associated with the United Nations, into one of KSU's Centers. The United Nations Institute for Training and Research may provide \$70,000 annual to support up to 12 students (1 per College) to attend training in Geneva related to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. To supplement student travel, Dr. Askildson expects that DGA may need to allocate \$30,000 per year, which could come from current funding allocated to the Strategic Internationalization Grants. Committee members discussed asking Deans to nominate a student from each College for the training, during which each student would develop a sustainability project that would be completed upon return to campus (e.g., via a capstone experience). CIFAL might also provide students a certificate as an incentive to participate in the program.

#### **4. Global Engagement Certification Revisions Task Force**

Dr. Pusateri shared a summary of the work of the task for during the 2016-2017 academic year (see addendum to these minutes). Committee members also discussed the following:

- Considering purchasing a mobile application from a company (Suitable) that some universities are using to track students' global engagement activities that could contribute to students developing a portfolio towards certification.
- Developing coursework that links foreign language studies to courses with international content and to co-curricular experiences that students from many disciplines could complete.
- Developing dual-degree options (e.g., a dual major in foreign language and economics).
- Renaming the certification to something like Global Studies
- Developing stronger collaborations with local businesses who could offer internships for students who have completed education abroad.
- Revitalizing the process for identifying faculty and staff who are contributors or specialists in global learning (similar to how faculty become qualified to teach graduate courses).

**Action item:** Dr. Askildson will reconstitute a task force to continue work on a proposal for revisions to the Global Engagement Certification.

## **5. Update on "Year of" Essay**

Dr. Emerson indicated that the Annual Country Study Program Committee decided not to remove the essay on the program's website that was disputed by an outside party. Instead, Dr. Paracka provided citations that support the academic integrity of the paragraph under dispute. The Committee may change the structure of the website for future academic years.

## **6. International Award Nominations: Call to Committee**

Dr. Askildson asked committee members to solicit ideas for nominees for each of the award categories in preparation for the committee's deliberations.

## **7. Strategic Planning Updates**

Dr. Askildson is advocating for global engagement as a distinctive feature of KSU among USG institutions, but indicated that other participants in strategic planning appear more focused on less distinctive issues of student success, retention, progression, and graduation. Strategic planning may also focus on transformative learning as a distinctive feature of KSU.

Dr. Askildson has been tasked with expanding the number of international internships that KSU develops for its students in collaboration with multinational companies.

## **8: Next meeting**

Dr. Askildson announced that the next meeting will occur on Friday, December 1, 9:00 AM-10:30 AM.

## **9. Adjourn**

Dr. Askildson adjourned the meeting at 10:32 AM.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Thomas P. Pusateri