



UNIVERSITY FACULTY COMMITTEE ON GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT (UFCGE)

MINUTES 9/11/15

Attendees: Ken Hill, Nina Morgan, Joseph Dirnberger, Edward Eanes, Hai Ho, David Schmidt, Christie Emerson, Binbin Jiang, Lance Askildson, Iyonka Strawn-Valcy, Daniel Paracka,

Meeting opened at 09:00

1. Year of Russia Recap and 'Year of' Logo/Tag-line
 - a. Lance Askildson reminded the committee of last summer's special meeting regarding the upcoming "Year of Russia" and the resulting suggestion that a "tag line" be created to accompany the KSU-Year of logo. Askildson explained that the purpose of the tag-line suggestion was to better communicate the academic and intellectual character of the Year of Annual Country Study Program and mitigate the potential for Year of programs to be perceived as inherently celebratory or otherwise uncritical. The committee then discussed a number of proposed tag-lines for the Year of Annual Country Study Program. After lengthy discussion and debate, the tag-line "The XXth Annual Country Study Program" was selected as the most appropriate and effective mechanism for communicating the scope, tone and purpose of the program as well as the inherently academic nature of this legacy international program for KSU. UFCGE representatives voted unanimously in favor of this tag-line.

2. Faculty Advisory Board for the Year of Annual Country Study Program
 - a. Lance Askildson introduced the committee charge for a new Faculty Advisory Board, chaired by Binbin Jiang, and tasked with providing more transparent and independent faculty oversight of the Year of program. Askildson emphasized that the new Advisory Board would work to improve the formal structure of decision-making for the Year of program and advise Dan Paracka on major programmatic and financial decisions. Askildson also emphasized that the Advisory Board would be tasked with reviewing and recommending changes to the Year of program on the basis of the university-wide survey and feedback sessions held last Spring on the theme of "Making the Year of Program Even Better." Finally, Askildson stressed that the inaugural membership of the Advisory Board would make recommendations on how the committee itself should be structured and operationalized in future years. Following some brief discussion, Ermal Spuza was recommended and accepted as an additional representative for this new Advisory Board and a colleague who could provide critical insight on engaging more with the Marietta campus for Year of programming.

3. Education Abroad Changes: Personnel & Programming

- a. Iyonka Strawn-Valcy shared a newly drafted pair of descriptions for the Faculty Director and Program Coordinator roles, respectively. These brief descriptions were developed in order to address confusion regarding these roles. The Faculty Director role was characterized as the leader of a faculty-led education abroad program and responsible for all academic and curricular decision-making, program design & development and onsite teaching for their program. The Program Coordinator role was described as the designated administrative partner for Faculty-Led education abroad programs within the Education Abroad Office who are responsible for working collaboratively with many different Faculty Directors in order to support the administrative development and implementation of their respective education abroad programs.
4. New Faculty Fellows Program
 - a. Lance Askildson introduced his plans for a new faculty fellows program within DGA and invited feedback from the committee. The format for the fellows program was discussed alongside the schedule and term for the launch of the program. Committee members suggested that the faculty fellow projects should be prescribed -- rather than categorical and open-ended -- in order to better target priorities for campus internationalization and provide useful outcomes to DGA and the campus community. The committee also suggested that the faculty fellows be limited to full-time regular faculty. Finally, the committee recommended that the application and selection process for the faculty fellows would likely require a Spring semester start date at the earliest. Additional discussion was tabled pending a future meeting and further revisions to the proposal document.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10