



UNIVERSITY FACULTY COMMITTEE ON GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT (UFCGE)

MINUTES 11/6/15

Attendees: Douglas Moodie, Nina Morgan, Joseph Dirnberger, Tom Pusateri, Christie Emerson, Binbin Jiang, Lance Askildson, Iyonka Strawn-Valcy, Ermal Shpuza, Ed Eanes, Ken Hill, Daniel Paracka, Pamela Dembla and Sabine Smith

Meeting Opened 09:00

1. UFCGE Minutes
 - a. The UFCGE Minutes from 10/2/15 and 10/23/15 were unanimously approved.
2. Emerson Scholarship Revision
 - a. The committee briefly discussed and approved revised application criteria and an essay prompt for the Emerson Scholarship for International Education. The changes are intended to increase the clarity and transparency of the study abroad scholarship opportunity for interested students and their program faculty.
3. Pre-, During & Post-Study Abroad Initiative
 - a. Lance Askildson proposed the creation of an ad hoc task force to examine a new initiative to facilitate a variety of credit-bearing course options that would better prepare students for study abroad experiences; improve their intercultural engagement during study abroad; and help them reflect upon and unpack their experiences post-study abroad. The initiative would build upon existing DGA commitments and SIG activity for the launch of a series of online pre-departure modules and EAO student conference for all study abroad participants in 2017. The initiative would also feature a partnership with the Department of Foreign Languages to develop and pilot a new reentry course component that closely aligns the pre-, during and post-study components. The task force will be charged with investigating the feasibility and structure of this initiative before returning to the UFCGE with recommendations. Doug Moodie and Pamela Dembla volunteered to serve on the task force. Sabine Smith volunteered to serve as a representative for the Department of Foreign Languages. Additional task force participation will be solicited over the coming weeks.
4. Reallocation of SIG Funding
 - a. The committee discussed how best to reallocate the \$20k in returned SIG funding from the Emert et al. SIG project. After examining several options for making funding available according to the KSU strategic plan for internationalization, the committee unanimously voted to provide \$15k for six \$2.5k faculty site visits and \$5k for a single

internationalization project. The committee tasked DGA with developing a brief application process for both funding opportunities and announcing it to the campus.

5. SIG RfP Revisions

- a. The committee continued its discussion of revisions to the SIG by reacting to the latest iteration of revisions to the RfP as well as providing feedback on a simplified proposal document. In addition to a significantly streamlined application process -- alongside increased clarity in SIG program criteria -- the committee endorsed the inclusion of "illustrative example projects" for each of the grant categories in order to improve proposal outcomes during the next round of funding. The committee unanimously approved the summative set of revisions for the 2016 SIG competition and charged Lance Askildson with finalizing the documents and announcing them during the following week. The committee also agreed to host two SIG Forums -- one on the Kennesaw and Marietta campuses, respectively -- during January and February.

Meeting Adjourned 11:00