



## UNIVERSITY FACULTY COMMITTEE ON GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT (UFCGE)

MINUTES 9/4/15

*Attendees:* Douglas Moodie, Ermal Shpuza, Ken Hill, Nina Morgan, Joseph Dirnberger, Edward Eanes, Hai Ho, David Schmidt, Christie Emerson, Binbin Jiang, Lance Askildson, Iyonka Strawn-Valcy, Daniel Paracka, Pamila Dembla, Michael Sweazey, Alan LeBaron

*Meeting Opened 09:00*

1. Welcome and introductions
  - a. New members of the committee were introduced alongside returning members. Mike Sweazey, the new Director for Global Operations and International Risk Mitigation, was also introduced alongside his new role.
2. Call for new agenda items
  - a. Binbin Jiang asked that the Global Learning Scholarship (GLS) be added to the agenda. Several faculty shared updates from the GLS committee, which is managed within and by the Division of Student Affairs. These faculty reported that the GLS Fee will generate the same amount of money this year as it last year, but that there may be more students applying for GLS funding as a result of consolidation and increased enrollment overall. As a result, members of the GLS committee will be meeting later this month to discuss possible reductions to individual scholarship amounts for the Spring and Summer terms of 2016. Potential cuts to the GLS funding model include reduction/elimination of faculty site-visit funding; reduction/elimination of STARS students; reduction/elimination of service learning awards; and/or the reduction of scholarship monies for students based on factors such as length of stay, credit-bearing offerings, etc. Several faculty offered to share information and recommendations with the GLS committee members in advance of their meeting.
3. Montepulciano Grand Opening; New Programming
  - a. Todd Harper shared updates regarding the grand opening of the new Fortezza facilities in Montepulciano and eight new programs that are planned for the 2016-17 academic year. Todd also shared news of the recent Montepulciano Advisory Board meeting and opportunities for all colleges to get more involved in Montepulciano. Several faculty asked whether site visit funding for Montepulciano was available for the development of new programming. At this time, no new site visit funding -- outside of the traditional site visit funding from the GLS fund -- has been identified.
4. Task force on Latin American Studies

- a. Lance Askildson introduced Alan LeBaron and the formation of an ad hoc Task Force on the reactivation of the Center for Latin American & Iberian Studies, which Alan will chair. Alan explained that the purpose of the Task Force was to develop a formal recommendation for Lance and the UFCGE on how best to reactivate the Center in an impactful and sustainable manner and in accordance with DGA's Strategic Plan for Internationalization as well as the TBA Report on KSU Centers & Institutes from the Division of Academic Affairs. Alan suggested several stakeholder roles that the task force might include (students, content experts, member of the latino/a community, research specialists, etc.). Alan invited additional recommendations from the committee. Alan also noted that the Task Force would be inviting additional campus stakeholders as well as national/international experts to inform their deliberations. Alan indicated that the Task Force will likely meet six times over the course of the year and complete their work with a summative report and recommendations in late Spring 2016.
5. Education Abroad Changes: Personnel & Programming
    - a. Iyonka Strawn-Valcy shared updates on a recent reclassification of the Education Abroad Advisor role with the committee. She explained that the purpose of the reclassification was to more accurately describe the existing work activity for the advisors as well as focus their efforts on critical areas of support for faculty-led education abroad programs. Several faculty voiced concern about a recent email that Iyonka had sent out describing these changes; they were concerned that the new "program coordinator" title for this role could be misinterpreted as infringing upon the traditional "faculty director" title and role. Iyonka assured the group that faculty autonomy and leadership would not be impacted and that the new "program coordinator" role was simply a more accurate and streamlined iteration of the former advisor role. Iyonka indicated that she would clarify this further with relevant faculty and via additional communications.

*Meeting Adjourned 11:10*