



GEAC Meeting

February 11th, 2022

11-12:30pm

Attendance: Anne Dahlman, Brittany McKibben, Erica Johnson, Anna Ochs, Jenni Lampinen, Nancy Drescher, Olga Nelson, Paolo Infante, Jacy Fry, Greg Wilkins, Dominik Drabent, Yalda Hamidi, Daniel Benson, and Aaron Deris.

Notes by Brittany McKibben

Welcome and Updates/Partnerships to be Renewed:

Systems office is starting to relax the travel ban starting May 1st that MSU students can start traveling abroad again. Please refer to the e-mail that Brittany sent out regarding what this will look like and resources to utilize.

We discussed international partnerships to be renewed or created and GEAC endorsed the following universities:

Partnerships to be renewed:

Xiamen University of Technology (Collab pathway)
Queen's University Belfast (Exchange)
Nagasaki University (Exchange)
Kwassui Women's University (Exchange)
Hawaii Tokai International College (Exchange)
University of Fort Hare (Exchange)
UMEA University
Halmstad University

New Partnerships:

University of Guatemala, St. Carlos (MOU)
University of London, Birckbeck (MOU)
United World Colleges, Thailand (MOU)
Pertamina University (MOU)

Faculty Opportunities:

Hoping to have faculty join the Finnish Research agency incubator program: <https://www.faria.network>
There will be a meeting with Teri Wallace, Erica, Johnson, Aaron Budge, and Anne Dahlman for next steps.

Faculty and Staff can fill out an eform to show interest in helping the Global Education effort while they are traveling internationally. Some examples of what faculty can do is a presentation at a college/university, connect with alumni, visit a recruitment fair, etc. Upon return home, we can help reimburse some of their expenses. The form will be included in e-mail response re: approve university out-of-state travel.

- Parameters for University Funding:
 - Cannot support personal travel
 - Can only support faculty professional travel
 - We will support you in strategies for recruiting- Jacy's team will help you in terms of what a presentation might look like.

- If you have suggestions on the form, please reach out to Jacy.

Incoming international student updates from CELP:

Right now, there are many pieces of information around opportunities for the fall. Planning on a large incoming international student base coming in, especially from Chuo University.

- Last semester we had 99 students from Chuo University taking online courses. If covid permits, they will be planning to take courses in person at MSU. They are being cautious about covid so time will tell if they will be coming.
- They are asking that we don't charge them until the first day of classes because it could change last minute if they can come or not.

Tokai University- Good negotiations are happening with them. We are hoping at some point to resume communication around if they can send students.

Incoming international student updates from KIC:

On our campus we have:

10% of the F-1 Ethiopian students in the US

6% of the F-1 Ivorian students in the US

5% of the F-1 Gambian students in the US

Update on/Sharing for ACE Internationalization Lab activities so far

Workgroup 1- First meeting on Tuesday February 15

- Discussion and reflections questions were provided to the workgroup members

Workgroup 2 – First meeting February 18

- Reflection and discussion questions provided
 - Asked about student focus group- how do we select those students
 - Mohamed- suggested to reach out to students' groups for representatives to be present at meetings
 - Dominik has reached out to student government and groups to recruit students. Students are still needed for workgroup 2 or 3. Ideally two per group.

Workgroup 3- First meeting February 18

- Emails sent to students to be a part of the group
- Reflections and discussion questions were sent out prior to the meeting

Workgroup 4- First meeting on February 8

- Mohamed mentioned that the meeting was very productive and looking forward to building on the initial meeting