

Global Education Advisory Council
Notes
4.28.17

Present: Ceurvorst, Constantine, Johnson, Kawabata, Fleischman, Robbins, Yin, and Stoyhoff

- Stoyhoff Council members for their commitment to international education and for the progress made during members' two-year term of service.
- Stoyhoff provided the following highlights:
 - a) a record number of faculty-led programs in the past two years (5 times the number delivered by Winona and 1.5 times the number delivered by St. Cloud)
 - b) launched a grant program that supports faculty international travel and course design/redesign to increase international perspectives in the curriculum
 - c) added a dozen new international partnerships and increased the total to over 50
 - d) established a set of guidelines to help faculty develop new partnerships
 - e) Implemented a process to record students' study abroad or exchange experiences on their transcripts
- Stoyhoff announced the appointment of a new education abroad advisor following a national search. Alyssa Morson will assume her duties in the Center for Study Abroad and Away June 12. A national search for a director of Education Abroad and Away will commence in June.
- Ceurvorst reported on a recent visit from an Austrian delegation (St. Poeltens University) the interest expressed by MSU School of Nursing faculty about the potential collaboration and partnership opportunity with SPU. While the current focus of the prospective partnership is on nursing, it may be possible to consider collaboration across other disciplines and colleges. If Council members have any reservations about the School of Nursing continuing to communicate with SPU faculty, they should forward them to Stoyhoff by the end of May. School of Nursing faculty and administrators will continue discussions with SPU throughout the summer and report to GEAC on developments in the fall.
- The Council reviewed and discussed several options for supporting faculty-led study abroad and away programs (Refer to attachment included in the

message sent to Council members in advance of the April 28 meeting). Since a funding request for \$80,000 in Academic Affairs support for faculty-led programs is pending, the Council will not make any final recommendations on a financial model until the next academic year and after having a campus conversation about the options.

- Ceurvorst and Wells applications for travel and curriculum grants were reviewed and approved. A third travel grant application was received but the decision was postponed pending clarification of questions about the budget.