



GEAC Meeting Notes

October 27th, 2023

11-12:30pm

Attendance: Anne Dahlman, Ellen Johnson, Erica Johnson, Paolo Infante, Anna Ochs, Olga Nelson, Jacy Fry, Heather Camp, Orlando Gunsekere, Antonia Yenser, and Alissa Morson.

Notes by Brittany McKibben

Center for Global Engagement:

Student Mobility:

- 3 week to 6 week programs
- If there is an Acronym ASA, ISA, USAC- this is a program provider
- Language, Academics, and Cultural Components
- NSE- National Student Exchange
 - Similar to International Exchange but it's within the United States
- If a student is doing a study abroad program, CGE helps them to align it with their program they are in whether that is major, minor, or certificate
- Fiji Program:
 - Scholar games- Student is part survivor, part academic
 - Complete academics the first part and compete in a series of competitions the second part of the day
 - Win a significant prize at the end
- Outgoing/Incoming:
 - 50 students on outgoing programs, 29 with exchange partners
 - 13 will be incoming
- Stole Ceremony:
 - December 6th, 2023
 - Starts at 6pm and lasts an hour, then a social hour
 - Let Anna Ochs know if you want additional info or a poster to share, or if someone didn't get on the invite list
 - Dean Brown will be one of the speakers this year

Fac-Leds:

- There will be 8-10 fac-leds, this is a little lower than in the past due to funding
 - Airfare costs have rose significantly
- For Faculty interested, it costs \$5000-\$6000 per faculty member
- First group is leaving the end of Fall, most leave during Spring Break
- Student Financial Services has stricter with the fac-leds
 - Can't increase any costs
 - Wants students to be registered by September 15 for a Spring fac-led
- If a program is over \$50,000 we need to do an RFP

University Partnerships:

- In Halmstad University, Sweden, they have been rekindling our relationship
 - For student teachers, they can teach on sight and see education from a different standpoint
- Foreign Trade University
 - Finance and COB partner worked there for 12 years in the past
- 2+2 in Business for Management with Pertamina, the hardest issue is with gen eds
 - Working to figure out equivalencies
- Working closely with Sports Management and HAN University for a trilateral Masters Program

Internationalization:

- 350 Faculty have engaged in international activities
- Are we intentional, do we showcase or is it faculty who are internationally minded that seek the opportunities that we have for them
- Deans are always looking for opportunities to support and develop their faculty

Kearney International Center:

- 611 I-20's for the spring semester and monitoring via issuance which is looking good (last year at this time there were 583 I-20's)
- New this year, embassy's have changed the way they are issuing F1 visas, students can now can get it up to 12 months in advance (previously 180 days)
 - 51 I20's have been sent out for Fall 2024
- Launched a new Leadership Academy
 - For students looking for additional ways to get plugged into the campus and add to their resume
- International Festival will be coming up in November 12 come visit from 11-3pm
- OPT- Optional Practical Training
 - Students apply for it 90 days before the program starts
 - If they are STEM approved major, they get 24 more months of employment, up to three years
 - F1 student benefit

Travel:

- Brian Sebera and Kevin Wu were in Norway for an Athletic trip
 - Visited High Schools and promoted our athletics
 - Visited EducationUSA
 - Signed one athlete coming this spring
- PJ will be traveling to Seattle for transfer fairs
- Alissa & Madeline will be going to Ethiopia to meet with 80 admitted students
- 6 high school visits in Rwanda

Population Stats:

- [fall2023_popstats_image.jpg \(2550x3300\) \(mnsu.edu\)](https://www.mnsu.edu/fall2023_popstats_image.jpg)

Center for English Language Programs:

Updates:

- 37 students in the AP in the full semester, most of the students are from Japan
- In terms of the spring semester, they have 50 admitted students
- 42 I-20's issued for spring and 7 confirmed upcoming appointments (Lower than spring 23)
- 3 admitted applicants for Fall 24

Activity:

- Will be having a two-week program with them from March 17-March 28 in FY25
- Able to discuss dates, kinds of programming, and were able to put together a program proposal for CELP and AH&N
- Met with COB and two reps from Egypt about the collaboration, created a MOU, created a joint module with 2 business and 2 CELP courses offered over a semester
- Moved forward with Tokai University- They are going to advertise us in their programs starting FY 25
- Working with COE on having a contract for a Home Stay program

Feedback on IZN Lab Recommendations:

- In Spring 24, Academic Affairs will complete their Strategic Plan and the Global Ed plan will follow that
- Anything that is in our plan, has to relate to the Universities strategic plan
- Have received feedback from the Advisory Council that will serve as a starting point for us within our discipline as we start creating our next strategic plan, anticipating that will happen next Fall
- We need to get GEAC's feedback on the IZN lab report
- Orlando Gunesekere: How can we get the community more involved to have options for international or students of color- activities, etc.
 - We have students who come that stay within their own country group and are happy with that and then we have students who are eager to expand and get to know other people
 - Domestic students who want to have a campus experience struggle as well with things shutting down on campus around 5-6pm
 - Bringing back KSP for international students- connecting them with a peer mentor who have office hours and available on What's App
 - Language Partners Program- have set times and topics for students where students can meet others/try new things

Next Steps:

- Read comments from external reviewers for the IZN Lab and highlight areas that are most important to you