



GEAC Meeting Notes

April 26th, 2024

11-12:30pm

Attendance: Will Coghill-Behrends, Alissa Morson, Paolo Infante, Jacy Fry, Kim Johnson, Anna Ochs, Chandler Holland, Erica Johnson, Heather Camp, Jill Fischer, Olga Nelson, Wade Davis

- **Introduction to new Dean of Global Education: Dr. Coghill-Behrends**
- **Kearney International Center**
 - Recruitment:
 - May 1st deadline for UG and GR Fall admission approaching; June 1st I-20 Request Deadline
 - #s as of April 26:
 - Applications still pending: 2494
 - UG Admitted, total: 2033
 - UG Denied: 440 (18%)
 - Grad Admitted: 210
 - I-20s Issued: 1067
 - I-901 Fee Payments: 318
 - Retention:
 - RE-enrollment: 111 (26%) more students enrolled for fall semester than we did last year at this time.
 - 4 searches going on in our office: 1 AD in final stages, 1 AD in the last phase of hiring, 1 AD interviewing, 1 customer service rep position which has not been posted.
 - Inviting students into TerraDotta in if they have a summer internship opportunity. Slowing bringing campus partners in as well.
 - Scholarship updates (IMS): Big changes coming soon! Service piece of the scholarship will be going away to allow students have more time for academics. Scholarship amount will remain the same. Potentially able to use a Rate Code for the scholarship, so the amount of financial support is immediately available.
- **Center for English Language Programs**
 - Statistics of the program
 - (Olga Nelson): 66 students total in Fall 2023, 37 were full semester students. 29 short-term (3-week) program from Chuo University. Exchange numbers are strong, but degree-seeking dwindling. IUGB is the largest group this semester.
 - 70 confirmed students for Fall 2024 already. 15 accepted degree-seeking students among them.
 - Will begin issuing I-20s via TerraDotta. Implementing MavConnect for their current student tracking.
 - Program Update
 - (Paolo): Travel to Taiwan to initiate new partnerships and meet with agents. Reviewing custom programs with different Universities.
 - Intensive English Program for Global Citizens: Summer 2024 is focusing on college-age students. Summer 2025 will hopefully have programs geared to high school and college-aged students.
 - Spring 2025: Customized programs for both Tokei University and Konsei Medical University (March 17-28) that are geared towards their specific student population – at the contract stage for these customizable programs.

- Using faculty members as a connection/contact for new markets and potential partnerships
- Final stages of hiring a new CELP Instructor/Coordinator
- Promoting homestay opportunity on Radio Mankato together with staff from Homestay USA
- Internship opportunities with campus partners/programs. Requesting ideas from GEAC members. A request from customizable
- Will's Question: Do we pay our homestay families? A: Contracted through Homestay USA and they coordinate all payment/host family expectations.
- Will's Question: Is there an office on campus that already coordinates internship opportunities. A: Paolo opens it up to the committee to see if others could provide more information. E Johnson talked about COE and CAHN programs currently available. Olga brings in the consideration of F-1 visa requirements.

- **Center for Global Engagement**

- Inbound/Outbound Student Numbers
 - Spring 2024: Inbound – 43; Outbound –
 - Fall 2024: 35 Outgoing students; Inbound – 60ish
 - Will's Question: You said staying steady but growing. Please say more. A: Growing 4-5 students per semester. Faculty-led programs continue to be the main sending method for Study Abroad. More interest in exchange programs in outbound students. Logistics tend to be a barrier to study abroad among domestic students interested in going abroad for a semester.
- Advising Updates
 - Thank you, Jill, and other MavConnect administrators for helping bring MavConnect to the study abroad office.
 - Celebrating students at the Stole Ceremony next week – everyone invited to celebrate the graduating students from Global Education. May 1 @ 6pm
- Delegations and Partnerships
 - Delegation visit to Mexico with the Provost. New partnership with a university in Mexico. Exploring MOUs with various public universities in consortium. Short-term programs and semester-long programs. Teacher training programs and their development.
 - Regensburg University (Germany) and Staffordshire University (UK) are newer partners and interested in special education exchange opportunities.
 - Went to APIE
 - Czech Republic, Latvia and Korea have new partnership opportunities