



## GEAC Retreat

September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022

11-2:30pm

**Attendance:** Anne Dahlman, Brittany McKibben, Erica Johnson, Jacy Fry, Olga Nelson, Anna Ochs, Alissa Morson, Thomas Carlson, Wade Davis, Mohamed Diab, Nancy Drescher, Yalda Hamidi, Chandler Holland, Agnes Odinga-Oluoch, Guadalupe Quintero, Laura Yin, Antonia Yenser, and Jill Fischer.

**Introductions-** Everyone introduced themselves, what they do, and how it ties to Global Education

### Roles and Responsibilities of GEAC members:

- Serve as stewards of the global education strategic plan
- Provide recommendations to the university community to promote global opportunities for students, faculty, and staff consistent with the university strategic plan
- Advocacy and bringing awareness to issues of diversity, equity and inclusion and help create solutions to those issues
- Check in with our international students to see how they are doing at MNSU
- Updates from GEAC members on what they are hearing/seeing from faculty and students regarding study abroad/faculty led/etc.

### Updates for each center:

#### CGE-

- Plan to set up more meetings with Dean's to go over the initiatives that their faculty may be apart of
- Doing a lot of advising, Thomas and Sammi are doing the initial advising
  - Encouraging students to start seeing them 1.5-2 years in advance
  - Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> is a deadline time they look for nominations
- For Faculty-Led programming, they have to follow new timelines and new processes that need to be followed before executing contracts from providers. Will push timelines back.
- Due to restructuring, CGE has taken on the incoming exchange student process
  - Search is happening to hire someone for this position to process I20's, events on campus, inbound/outbound processes, etc.
- Since the fair on Tuesday, we've had 31 student advising appointments
  - Most are looking at international programs through exchange and program providers
- This year, CGE has...
  - Fall 2022 (16 students)
    - 6 NSE students (Hawaii as most common – 3 students)
    - 10 students in Int'l programs
      - 7 F, 3 M
  - AY 22-23 (9 students)
    - 4 NSE students (2 doing 2 sites)
      - 3 F, 1 M
    - 5 students in Int'l programs

- 3 F, 2 M
  - South Korea, Norway, Germany, England
- Spring 2023 (as of right now – 60 students)
  - 8 NSE students
  - 52 students in Int'l programs
    - 12 – Program Providers
    - 40 – Exchange Programs
    - Most popular (by students) destinations
      - NEOMA, Queen's, UOS, UniSA, American College of Greece, NSE
- Added two new exchange programs
  - **American College of Greece** (Athens, Greece)
  - **Windesheim University** (Zwolle, Netherlands)
  - \*National University of Ireland, Galloway, Chuo University, Pusan National University (added before COVID, first year students going)
- Dating back to early March 2022, most of the student advisees interested in study abroad/away programs are female (33), with a handful of male students (7).
  - \*See word cloud to see most common majors of these students

#### **CELP:**

- All their courses are zero credit bearing
- Most people know CELP as IEP (Intensive English Program), but that is only one of the programs that they have
  - Intensive English Program
    - Degree-seeking undergraduate students receive conditional admission as a pathway to regular admission
    - Exchange students from partner institutions spend one semester or one academic year in the IEP
  - Short-term language program
    - 3-4 week cultural and language immersion experience for groups
    - Customizable curriculum and flexible dates
- IEP Level Placement:
  - Regular Admission to Academic Programs
  - IEP Advanced
  - IEP High- Intermediate
  - IEP Low-Intermediate
  - IEP Beginning
- Started the tutoring program for the first time ever
  - Students can meet a tutor for a 1:1 session
  - Tutor helps with courses and observes courses
  - This is a pilot and isn't mandatory currently
- Social Events
  - Mall of America
  - Scare town

- This is paid for by CELP so that students can participate in activities that they normally wouldn't be able to do
- Company visits- In-person or virtual
  - Taylor Corp
  - Microsoft
  - Cambria
  - Mayo Clinic
  - Chuo University- Virtual
- New York City Study Tour
  - Experience everything that a big city can offer

#### **KIC-**

- Responsible for taking care of the international students
- Welcomed over 400 international students this year
- Working on helping them build a community when they get here
- Handles the work permit process for any international student who wants to work on campus, Blake Litzau handles these
- Handles all advising outside of academics, wants to take a role in comprehensive advising
- Want to make better partnerships on campus
- Handles events
  - International Dance Party- Club International, DJ, mocktails, food, etc.
  - International Festival- November 13<sup>th</sup>, one week before the International Ed Week
  - International Maverick Scholarship
- Stewards on the international emergency assistant grant- Since May 2020, given out more than \$400,000 in grants
- If you have students that are struggling financially, send them to the KIC so they can see if they can help them or talk to them about their situation
- Advise the ISA
- Alyssa- In three weeks she's leaving for recruitment and working with EducationUSA- going to Uzbekistan and Egypt
- Alyssa and Beth are going to Ethiopia and will be working with the embassy, four days of school visits, predeparture orientation for students accepted in January, and an open house for any perspective students
- Beth will be going to Kenya and doing similar work to what was done in Ethiopia
- Currently- Erica Duley is in the Bahamas doing recruitment, four fairs in four days, and got 205 students from there that are interested in MNSU
- Any students that register, they get their name and contact info so they can be reached back out to (brand awareness)
- Some things they've done over the past year to make the application accessible
  - Revamped the application process
  - Upload features for documents
  - Took the financial piece and removed it from the application process and moved it to post admission

- Updated admission requirements to attend MNSU- 3.0 grade point average and they've done this to provide more support to quality candidates
- Refer a friend scholarship- any undergrad student on a F1 visa, can refer a friend that would be on a F1 visa. When the referring student gets here, they both get \$500, and students can do this up to five times
- Social media influencers- If someone uses the promo code from the influencer for the free application and enrolls, the influencer will get \$500
- 10 international enrollment specialists are in the office Monday-Friday
- 5 students that work on social media
- They usually get one intern, but they didn't get one this year- if they do an intern, it has to be a good fit and have concrete goals and ideas as well as work independently
- GA position information: Will send them to GEAC

**Next time-**

- Themes from the four workgroups for the IZN lab
- Will not finalize the global ed plan until the university plan is finalized