

## Minutes, GEC September 16, 2020

**Present:** Cecilia Colbeth, Karen Dubrule, Muskanjot Kaur, Sejong Yoon, Christa Olson (ex officio)

**Excused:** Sharon Byrne, Solange Lopes-Murphy

**Absent:** Karen Clark (other student)

Met through Zoom

- Introductions

- Review the [charge of the committee](#)

- Vote for the Chair and Vice-Chair

With a quorum present, Felicia Steele was elected Chair and Karen Dubrule as Vice-Chair.

- Examine and approve meeting minutes from [May 6, 2020](#)

Of the Summer 2021 summer programs, 9 remain active though it is unclear what the global pandemic will allow as the situation continues to change rapidly. The May 6 minutes were approved with two minor changes.

- [Review CGE Annual Report](#)

Felicia and Christa reviewed the CGE Annual Report with Christa providing background in light of several serious crises that took place as well as the Covid-19 pandemic that halted all travel abroad.

For clarification, RM&CM stands for Risk Mitigation and Crisis Management which is a standing group comprised of various administrators from around the campus to assist, counsel and consult with CGE staff.

Upon recommendation from Lee Ann Riccardi (former faculty fellow in CGE) to include a faculty member as part of RM&CM, Felicia indicated her willingness to serve on RM&CM along with Karen Dubrule who will remain on the group and both will bridge to GEC as liaisons. Felicia also reminded that the GEC decided last year to return scholarship determination back to CGE staff but with the reduction in CGE staff, Christa will check with Jennifer if they are still able and willing to completely manage this in-house.

CGE has also been working on the overall communication and marketing plan with more social media presence.

- Discuss goals for the year

Felicia reviewed the traditional calendar for GEC responsibilities and asked Christa how the GEC can support CGE in the current environment. November, December and February are the

months that allow for greater “big-picture” review and input and recommendations. The Council can work to advocate for the previously established Global Engagement outcomes from AY 19-20. With the recent loss of Russian and Arabic in WLC, there may be new opportunities to have language exchange through collaborations with institutions abroad or in NJ. Christa reported that students can take Arabic virtually through TCNJ’s new international partner in Oman.

- If possible, begin discussion of global engagement beyond traditional education abroad

CGE and the GEC understand that global engagement does take place beyond traditional education abroad but GEC members need to communicate this with respective faculty, staff and student constituents. Muskanjot was intrigued by the idea of virtual global experiences but wasn’t sure how students would react since they don’t favor online learning.

Felicia wondered if we could talk with someone in the grants office to determine if there are grants available to facilitate global partnerships. Christa reminded that the group had created the Request for Proposals (RFP) for faculty and staff global experiences. As CGE staff has been reduced, the GEC may need to take on more discussion of new initiatives to explore viable ideas and serve as a sounding board for CGE. GEC members will need to be sure to report back to their stakeholders continually throughout the year.

For the next meeting: should GEC continue to send out an RFP call to schedule for new Faculty-led programs or just continue with existing programs? Cecilia wondered if we could create a faculty mentor pool from faculty who regularly lead short-term programs abroad that could assist new faculty who are interested in launching an FSP.

Christa will send out a calendar invite for all of the meetings for the year. Christa will make sure that all members have access to the shared drive and will post future meeting recordings to the drive as well. Felicia thanked everyone for attending and for their participation.

Meeting adjourned.