

## Global Engagement Council Meeting Minutes - October 21, 2020

**Present:** Felicia Steele (Chair), Sharon Byrne, Karen Clark, Sara Decker, Karen Dubrule, Muskanjot Kaur, Solange Lopes-Murphy, Sejong Yoon, Christa Olson (ex officio)

Excused: Cecilia Colbeth

### I. Review and Approval of [Minutes](#) for October 7th.

After time was given to review the minutes, the minutes were unanimously approved.

### II. Approval of Revisions to Requests for Faculty Led Programs 2022

With unanimous approval, the GEC approves of the cover email, the 2022 Request to Schedule and the 2023 RFP and application. Christa will contact Academic Affairs to schedule this announcement.

### III. Information about Diversity Abroad Audit Tool

To address both of the following: TCNJ's institutional priority for this academic year to advance Inclusive Excellence and [CGE's](#) goal, included within the CGE Strategic Plan, to **expand access to and increase participation in education abroad**, Christa asked the GEC to consider Diversity Abroad's Global Equity and Inclusion Assessment which offers a number of tools and modules for purchase. Diversity Abroad is the leading membership organization within the field of global education addressing these issues and TCNJ is a member so would have member pricing but this could still be costly depending on the number of modules acquired. Christa asked for GEC input if such a tool would be useful and if the GEC would like to take on any part of the assessment. Felicia wondered if the Office of Excellence Inclusion would be able to fund any of this initiative. CGE already does a number of these assessments outlined but there are some modules that may be useful. There may be some merit to using some pieces of this tool and there is a push to do these self-studies campus-wide but the GEC is hesitant to take on more or put more on already stretched CGE staff. Karen D. reminded that the three task forces from last year have already taken on some self assessment including "Barriers to Study Abroad" and wondered if this may be a starting point for review and following steps to take.

### IV. Review "CGE Administered Education Abroad Scholarships"

Jennifer Margherito informed the GEC on scholarships and funding sources for study abroad. With previous GEC guidance, scholarships for study abroad have been streamlined into a single application which is a landing page in the application portal. Within the application itself, there are components that address specific criteria for

specific scholarships. This current application cycle is the first time using this streamlined process but the hope is that it is easier to apply for scholarships, more accessible for students, and easier to manage for CGE staff.

Felicia asked about other sources of funding such as the Mort Winston scholarship. Jennifer replied that this award is not managed through GEC but they do engage in a lot of cross-promoting for funds not managed within GEC. Students do receive several announcements regarding scholarship opportunities and the scholarship application deadline is later than the program application deadline to allow students time to apply. Last year the GEC asked for CGE staff to recommend scholarship awards while keeping GEC informed. CGE staff is using the rubric created last year to guide award amounts this cycle.

#### V. Communicating our goals for Global Engagement.

As the GEC continues to discuss how the group can best communicating out to not only each members constituents but even more campus-wide, suggestions include:

- Social media (student gov accounts, making sure departments and units are following CGE)
- 099 courses (include a set module pulled in from the new student online orientation course)
- Include in advising appointments
- Dean's Welcomes at Lion's Days and Academic Welcomes/Orientation

Jennifer Margharito has been working on implementing the communication strategy for GEC in conjunction with Karen Becker's Communication students. Other professors are also partnering with CGE to involve with courses which broadens CGE reach.

Meeting adjourned - next meeting Wednesday, November 4, 1:30pm