

Global Engagement Council

Wednesday, September 3, 2025

1:30 - 2:50 pm - Green Hall, Suite 107 (Conference Room)

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Tiernan Blankstein, Cecilia Colbeth, Megan Gordon, Jennifer Margherito, MinSoo Kim-Bossard, Terry Warren, Allison Winik, Lislot Van Der Heijden, Ardeshir Tabrizi, Julia Cappello, Vicki Brzoza

1) Greetings and Introductions

2) Election of Co-Chairs and Vice Chair

Holly Didi-Ogren and Cecilia Colbeth have been voted to serve as the co-chairs and MinSoo Kim-Bossard as the vice chair of GEC.

3) Review Charge for this Council as well as policies and procedures

a. GEC: Global Engagement Council - GEC Current Charge

The GEC promotes the development of the Global Engagement experience at TCNJ. It makes recommendations to the staff of the Arlotto Family Center for Global Engagement concerning the planning and development of policies, procedures, and programs in the area of global engagement. It also helps to facilitate campus-wide discussions concerning global engagement.

b. GEC Meeting Schedule - 1st Wednesdays from 1:30-2:50pm, 3rd Wednesdays if needed

i. Please save the dates for the first and third Wednesdays of each month

c. GEC Reports to - SECC and CAP

d. GEC Membership - 10 total members: 5 faculty, 2 staff, 2 students, Executive Director of Global Engagement, and Assistant Director for Education Abroad and Faculty-Led Coordinator on an as-needed basis.

4) Discuss dates for future GEC meetings (do we need to meet twice a month)

5) Updates from AFCGE

a. Study Abroad Fair on 9/12 from 11am-2pm, Alumni Grove (weather pending)

b. Quick review of received RTSs and Faculty Process

6) Any particular programs AFCGE plans to focus on this year? With the new evaluation system/rubric we built last year, we should have time to explore other topics.

- a. We would like to work with faculty to determine ways to globalize their courses, whether or not there is a travel component. Perhaps a workshop or small seminar setting to get faculty thinking about this. We could use the GEC's support in building this and helping to encourage faculty participation.
- b. We would like to lean on the GEC to develop programming related to our international students on campus.
- c. Utilizing our study centers as extensions of the TCNJ classroom- using resources that exist elsewhere in TCNJ-based classes.
- d. Continued focus on selecting programs that are accessible (financially and geographically) that will attract students.
- e. Main focus: Running more of the planned programming. Will need to focus on supporting faculty with marketing and ensuring that same-term locations/topics do not negatively affect one another.

Expected meeting dates

Please save the first and third W of every month for now. We will try to use *only* the first W meeting slot whenever possible.

Third Wednesdays we will definitely meet:

- October 15 To discuss RFP and RTS for winter/spring 2027 (Faculty Process deadline 10/3)
- February 18 To discuss RFP and RTS for summer 2027 (Faculty Process deadline 2/6)

Next meeting will be on 9/17.

Respectfully submitted,
MinSoo Kim-Bossard