

Global Engagement ANNUAL REPORT
University Standing Committee on International Programs
Academic Year Covered by Report: 2022-2023
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Number of times committee met: 08
Chair elect: Roger Narayan, Co-Chair elect: Seth Murray

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations are incorporated into the summary of discussions below.

Activities and Initiatives:

The Office of International Services (OIS) held a Passport Fair on Nov 17, 2022 to assist members of the NCSU community and their families to submit new passport applications.

Committee members ranked three nominees for the Jackson Rigney Award in Feb 2023.

Committee members reviewed and scored 13 Internationalization Seed Grant applications submitted by NCSU faculty. We discussed the applications at our meeting on Mar 9, 2023.

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION ITEMS/ACTIVITIES OF COMMITTEE

A major effort of the committee during 2022-2023 focused on generating new ideas and initiatives to promote student, faculty and staff participation in NCSU global engagement efforts. During three of the eight meetings, committee members were divided into groups of 3 – 4 participants and were asked to discuss one of the following topics:

What can we do to encourage faculty to participate in Global Engagement opportunities at NCSU?

How can faculty promote initiatives of the NCSU Office of International Services?

How can faculty engage in and promote global learning at NCSU?

The small group discussions were useful primarily for committee members to learn about the extensive breadth and depth of global activities at NCSU. A synopsis of the discussions follows:

Following small group discussions on the numerous programs under the umbrella of the Global Training Initiative, committee members proposed an approach, namely to identify 1-2 initiatives that members of Committee on International Programs will focus on promoting each year. The committee would rely on the Office of Global Engagement to provide a short list of opportunities.

During information sessions delivered by Office of International Services (OIS) staff to small groups of committee members, staff members emphasized their expertise

regarding numerous aspects of international student and visitor life at the university. Perhaps most pressing are efforts to prevent problems that can be readily solved if identified before they occur. Therefore, staff asked committee members to encourage faculty and students to contact OIS early in any process that could impact them, such as visa status implications of employment, enrollment, and academic difficulty for international students.

The NCSU undergraduate honors program provides a wide array of opportunities for students and faculty to obtain international experiences.

At the final meeting of the 2022 – 2023 academic year, members were asked to come to the meeting prepared to offer one suggestion for a CIP initiative or activity to promote global engagement in 2023 – 2024.

Among the ideas brought to the meeting (please note that all of the points are included in the minutes of the April 13, 2023 meeting) are as follows:

- Sponsor films and other cultural opportunities that highlight the breadth of opportunities for global engagement.
- Promote integration of global experiences into programs for undergraduate students.
- Reinvigorate the Researcher Gallery (Airtable) that provides details about faculty and staff interests and experience with global engagement opportunities and initiatives.
- Implement connections between the Committee on International Programs and the new NCSU Global One Health Academy.

The main challenges for the Committee on International Programs continue to be:
How to disseminate global engagement program information and opportunities to faculty and students.
How to encourage and promote participation in university sponsored global engagement programs.
How to implement ideas generated during meetings of the Committee.

RECOMMENDATION FOR REVISION OF CHARGE AND/OR MEMBERSHIP CONFIGURATION (if applicable)

None