

**System Council on International Education  
Fall 2018 Meeting  
September 21, 2018  
Middle Georgia State University**

**Main Meeting: Room 211  
10:00 AM**

**Present:** Sheila Schulte (UNG) Richard Baskin (Gordon) Jan Rodd (Albany) Donyale Childs (Albany), Mary Mears (MGS), Iyonka Strawn-Valcey (KSU), Lissa Small (KSU), Nicole Ward (KSU), Michael Sweazey (KSU), Kathryn Gayford-Miles (KSU), Aleksandra Winova-Parris (KSU), Audrey Faulkner (Southern), Emilee Carr (Southern), Tanya Brakhage (Southern), Emmanuel Naniuzeyi (Savannah), Benn L. Bongang (Savannah), Janet Crane (Columbus), Eric Spears (Columbus), Katherine Grego (Columbus), Irina McClellan (Valdosta), Ivan Nikolov (Valdosta), Brian Waters (UGA), Funwi Ayuninjam (GGC), Mimi Noda (Albany), Mary Davis (Albany), Nneka Nora Osakwe (Albany), Philip Szmedra (Southwestern), Meghan Penland (Tech), Hannah Carley (Augusta), Jason Wynn (GCSU), Jarris Lanham (GCSU), Susie Ramage (GCSU), Laura Thomason (MGS), Bogang Guo (Dalton), Brett Reichert (GSU), Bronson Long (Highlands), Yana Cornish (UGA), Christy Flatt (Gordon), Beverly Tarver (Augusta), Carmine Palumbo (East Georgia), Tara McDuffie (KSU), Nadine Jones (KSU), Stephen Murray (GSU), Angela Bell (USG), Ashley Johnson (UGA), Stephanie Ricks (Atlanta Metropolitan), Leander Singlefary (Atlanta Metropolitan), Regina Butts (Fort Valley), Sasha Coleuslu (Clayton), Ryan Packard (Clayton), David Starling (Valdosta), Rachana Bhatt (USG), Coryn Shiflet (USG), Tammy Rosner (USG), Liz Havey (GCSU), Maria Doyle (West Georgia)

- 1) Welcome: Maria Doyle, UWG
- 2) Minutes from 1/26/2018 – Unanimously approved
- 3) USG Updates: Tammy Rosner, System Office
  - a. Int'l Activities Report - on web under data section - use for:
    - i. benchmarking compare to report in 2016, includes economic benefit
    - ii. numbers per institution, recommendations to use for on an institutional administrators
    - iii. recommendations for SIO's and administrators:
      1. Importance of SIO for institutional advocacy, voting at SCIE, faculty support, creating internationalization plan for the campus, SIO should
        - a. have access to all parts of International Education, be knowledgeable about AIEA's Standards of Professional Practice, participate in USG Int'l Ed office initiatives, apply for internal/external funding
    - iv. International students remained at 4.5% lower than national average, if you remove research institutions less than 1%
    - v. EA - USG grew 9.7%. GA grew 9%, and the USA was 3.8%
    - vi. Internationalization - 80%+ have a plan or institutional component in strategic plan

- b. June's announcement about travel ban and USCIS changes in unlawful presence – staff need to be able to communicate changes to students.
  - i. Each institution needs 2 or more DSOs or add Tammy
- c. Recipients of International Education Grant
  - i. Recipients of Int'l Ed Grant
    - 1. West GA to support travel of 12 Af Am male instituted students to Brazil to support passport costs for the students
    - 2. UGA to support pilot of new studies away program in spring break 1 credit option of a regular course
    - 3. Augusta to support Nursing and pre-nursing students through series of mini-immersion experiences before studying abroad
    - 4. hope to see more variety in applications for next year's round
- d. USG Abroad:
  - i. New model for consortium programs, provides a source for faculty salary and equalized faculty opportunities
  - ii. replicate e-core registration and financial model
  - iii. administrative center for consortia program (students will still register on campus, USG will pull tuition and pay salary)
  - iv. represents a big commitment to the USG to support EA
  - v. will not change the mission or purpose of world regional councils
  - vi. reduce load of directors
  - vii. separates study abroad from academic endeavors of the World Regional Councils, equalizes tuition rates
  - viii. will use INGRESS and Go View (also recommending use of EduRoam to access wifi anywhere)
  - ix. guarantees faculty pay & director stipends
  - x. create a USG Abroad Program Manager
  - xi. will rely on World Regional Council committees to create and oversee curricular components of programs - hope ALL World Regional Councils will create programs.
  - xii. Program manager will oversee student applications as well as all program budgets, billing and payments
  - xiii. West GA will house the finances
  - xiv. implementation goals will hybridized in 2019 and be fully implemented in 2020 - all administrative aspects of EC Thru and invite other WRCs as well as absorbing small programs that struggle to run
  - xv. see org chart for OIE
- e. BANNER – create descriptive attribute in BANNER to collect data
- f. Business Procedures Manual section 21 oversees fiscal policies of EA; edits are now in final review
  - i. address changes needed for elimination of agency accounts
  - ii. clearly defines accounting rules of EA programs Agency accounts - currently working with state accounting and audits and ITS to implement new GASBE use fund 62000 to properly report revenue and expenses, working to develop best methodology - will have it this fall. Plan to present to Chief Business Officers on Dec. 4 & 5.
  - iii. At the next SCIE meeting 1/25, Claire Arnold will present new methodology.
- g. USG has joined Generation Study Abroad. Because USG membership, all institutions are eligible for travel grants

- h. Education USA advisers came in July - Armenia, China, Nigeria, Palestine - Tammy gave hour long presentation about all 26 USG institutions not just GSU, KSU and Emory where they also visited.
  - i. Workshops
    - i. financial aid 10/16 10 – 3, open to all EA and FA colleagues
      - 1. It was requested to look into WEbEX or Skype or something
    - ii. Forum Regional Workshop - 12/12 to cover standards 2, 3, 6 & 7 - two half-day workshops (1st more for faculty and 2nd more for staff) 2 free registration passes - apply by 10/29 (GSU will host one in Feb. as well);
- 4) System-wide partnership initiative: Brian Watkins, UGA
- a. Goal - to develop cooperation among system schools in partner engagements (schools helping each other identify and pursue partnerships)
  - b. Goal - to collaborate on already functional partnerships or develop new ones or share new partnerships with schools looking
- 5) CASSIE project: Angie Bell and Rachana Bhatt, System Office
- a. Expansion of GLOSSARI to include language study and Title VI participation, expands beyond USG and using refined econometrics and statistical techniques
  - b. Using exact and nearest neighbor matching - comparing outcomes across like groups and removes anyone who don't have a match.
  - c. Over 100,000 First time freshmen in 2010 and 2011 with complete data on 85,000 and 8.2% studied abroad.
  - d. Contribution of EA increases graduating in 6 years by 29% over the standard.
  - e. Producing presentations, articles, policy papers, and for participants: confidential benchmarking, visualization of student success, improving relationship with IR, and opportunity for mini-grants in 3rd year for customized studies.
  - f. <https://www.usg.edu/Cassie>
- 6) Sub-committee updates:
- SAC: Irina McClellan, VSU
- updating bylaws ready to vote in January,
  - looking for new secretary
  - discussing the changes to agency accounts and upcoming events
- CISS: Brett Reichert, GSU
- field reps from SEVP
  - vacancies in leadership
  - discussion on enrollment trends and visa denials
  - best practices projects
- 7) Regional Council updates:
- Africa Council: Mary Mears, MGA
- sponsored Africa lecture series in Macon with 4 lecturers
  - 22nd annual SEMAU in November at Savannah State
- Asia Council: David Starling, VSU
- Hosted workshop on Islam in South East Asia this past spring
  - Japan study abroad program full last year, will again this year
  - China study abroad had 25 last year
- Americas Council: Jose da Cruz, Georgia Southern – Not Present

European Council: Jeff Brown, Georgia Highlands –

- 2018 - 328 abroad

Middle East Council: Jacek Lubecki, Georgia Southern – Not Present

8) Announcements

- Lessons From Abroad is next weekend, there's still time to register