

Proposal to form an Internationalization and Globalization Workgroup (Ad Hoc Committee).

Given that Florida Gulf Coast University has great and unmet potential as a conduit for innovation, communication and exchange between the communities of Southwest Florida and the world at large...The FGCU Faculty Senate shall form an Internationalization and Globalization Workgroup (Ad Hoc Committee) to explore and identify pathways to advance this potential.

The Senate Leadership Team will appoint and charge the committee with assessing the current caliber and quality of FGCU's global presence and exploring the avenues available to expand the current borders, deepen the connections and sharpen the focus of university global and international activities. Measures of a greater international/global orientation for the university would include increased global visibility, promotion of diversity in many aspects of institutional life, academic agreements and exchanges with foreign institutions, enriched curriculum, growth of distance learning and additional opportunities for research and intellectual property advancement, entrepreneurship and innovation.

Specifically, the Workgroup would be tasked with:

- 1. Identification of the extent of current FGCU involvement in international educational initiatives and partnerships, recruiting and research activities and global content in curriculum and program-level outcomes.**
- 2. Investigation of international presence and globalizing initiatives at peer institutions and development of an understanding of the relative differences and similarities in opportunity and effort between FGCU and peer institutions.**
- 3. Identification of the resources needed to effect a greater global character by activity type: research, study abroad, exchanges, curricular enhancement, recruitment, etc...**
- 4. Identification of resources that would be required from FGCU and resources that might be available from external sources. Identification of activities that may become self-supporting, those requiring sustained support, and those that may offer significant benefit to the institution broadly. Consideration, in general terms, of the cost-benefit analysis for various globalizing activities.**
- 5. Identification of resource, structural and cultural barriers to growth in global involvement, both within FGCU and beyond its borders.**
- 6. Compilation of facts, thoughts and conclusions. Creation of one or more realistic pathways or options to globalizing the Florida Gulf Coast University campus.**

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