

FSCDI April 2022 meeting

Attending: mike hester (chair), Mary Kassis, Susana Jara-Pazmino, Satyanayarana Mruthinti, Taylor Bryant, Essence Collins, Anne Barnhart, Erin Williams, Julie Talbot, Tijan Drammeh, Lourdes Cody

Meeting began at 12:33pm, April 12.

Agenda:

1. Updates on State Legislative Activity. Chair provided updates on SB377, discussion ensued regarding continuing need to provide appropriate support to UWG colleagues and community partners who would be affected by the bill's regulations of K-12.
2. Updates on OEA activities. Chair provided updates on the work being done by the Office of Education Abroad and the Education Abroad Advisory Council. Discussion ensued addressing value of study abroad/away programs and how the FSCDI can best support both ongoing programs as well as promote the growth of new programs. Members shared ideas for best practices concerning collaboration across academic departments, and members currently developing programs shared updates on their work. Swamy asked for details regarding study abroad participation levels during AY22, especially as it relates to pre-Covid levels. Chair promised to request such information from the OEA Director.
3. Updates from SIT. Erin Williams, who also serves on the Seamless Integration Team, provided updates on SIT work, including timeline updates on the recommendations that have been presented to President Kelly. Discussion ensued regarding how FSCDI might help the SIT leadership formulate their next steps following President Kelly's responses to the SIT recommendations.
4. Updates on Summer Schedule. Chair shared information that was revealed at the April 8 ExComm meeting, at which the Provost indicated an expectation that the Faculty Senate would meet in June. With that in mind, discussion ensued about the need for FSCDI to also meet over the summer. Agreement from those in attendance that we should meet.
5. New Business
 - a. Tijan Drammeh recommended creation of a "report" that would summarize the AY22 work of the FSCDI, which was unanimously agreed to and scheduled to be completed by the summer meeting.
 - b. Discussion regarding the potential summer meeting concluded with an agreement to use the time between now and then to determine what the foci for FSCDI AY23 work should be.

Meeting adjourned at 1:31pm.