

Global Citizenship Update to the Academic Senate Sept. 23, 2008

The “Global Work Group” has been working since Spring 2008 under the leadership of Gordon Dossett to implement the vision of Global Citizenship at SMC put forth by the Global Citizenship Task Force in Fall 2007. Our activities are focused in several areas: curriculum, Fulbright exchange, professional development, international students, study abroad, and campus life.

Curriculum

- The A.A. degree requirement was passed in Spring 2008. Since then a few courses have been approved as those that meet this requirement. One focus for this year will be to promote the number of courses, particularly existing, courses that seek to fulfill the requirement. Amber Katharine and the EAC and members of the Curriculum subcommittee will hold a workshop for faculty on Nov. 6th at 11:15 a.m.
- Guido Davis Del Piccolo and Georgia Lorenz are collaborating on a project to promote infusing the ideas associated with Global Citizenship across the curriculum.
- We are collaborating with the Interdisciplinary Studies Project on development of Global Studies course(s) and a Global Studies A.A. degree.
- One of the recommendations of the Task Force was to promote using Southern California as a learning laboratory. Bill Selby is documenting his field trips around Los Angeles to be utilized as a teaching tool and/or blueprint for other faculty to use.
- Helen LeDonne, a Salzburg Fellow, is our liaison to the Occupational Education joint committee. Our aim is to promote the ideas of global citizenship in our existing programs as well as new programs that may be developed.

Fulbright Exchange

We think that engaging in faculty exchange—our faculty going abroad as well as bringing international scholars here—would benefit the Global Citizenship initiative in many ways. We are exploring short term Fulbright options as well as semester long options in collaboration with Laurie McQuay. We have supported Karin Costello’s participation in a Fulbright conference.

Professional Development

- Judith Douglas, a Salzburg Fellow, acts as our liaison to the PDC and leader in professional development. Several Flex Day workshops will be available in March related to the Global Citizenship initiative.
- Karen Gunn, a Salzburg Fellow, will be coordinating visits to department meetings.
- We have supported participation in several key conferences including supporting 13 faculty, students, and staff to attend the UC/CSU/CCC Sustainability Conference. In addition Satish Singhal from CSIS attended the Green Chemistry and Engineering Conference. Edie Spain and Wendy Parise attended a conference on the international methodology, the Reggio method. In each case when a faculty member is supported for a conference, he/she must do a presentation to his/her department on what was learned.
- In collaboration with Dan Cano (Salzburg Fellow) and the Title V grant: Thursday Sept. 25th Dr. David Trend will speak at 11:15 a.m. in HSS 165 and hold a roundtable for faculty at 2:30 p.m. in HSS 301. Can the teaching of global citizenship change classroom pedagogy? How much effort and expertise does it take to include global citizenship issues into your class syllabus? Is global citizenship what you think it is or is it something else?

International Students

- Janet Harclerode, a Salzburg Fellow, will lead a faculty research group this fall to explore best practices for engaging international students in the classroom, supporting their personal and academic success, incorporating international students into campus life in meaningful ways, and integrating our international and domestic students to promote friendship and intercultural exchange.
- Teresa Garcia, a Salzburg Fellow, will explore developing a peer mentor program in collaboration with those special programs on campus who are already initiating such programs in order to maximize the impact.
- Toni Trives, a Salzburg Fellow, will explore the possibility of creating conversation groups between ESL students and foreign language students.
- Sonali Ferrara, Associate Dean for Outreach, will work in collaboration with Kelley Brayton to improve the website and other sources of “orientation” information for international students.

Study Abroad

- Brandon Lewis and Gordon Dossett have led our effort to develop a Study Abroad model in Latin America which can be replicated in other areas of the world. There will be Winter and Spring 2009 study abroad trips to Latin America. The faculty teaching in the programs will be Brandon, Bill Selby, Nancy Grass Hemmert, Guido Davis Del Piccolo, and depending on student demand we hope to include Xochitl Flores-Marcial.
- The faculty are collaborating with Kelley Brayton, Dean for International Education, on the logistics for the Latin American program in order to put systems in place so that the program can be easily repeated and expanded while keeping costs down.
- In Winter 2009 there will also be a third annual trip to South Africa under the leadership of Frank Dawson and Karen Gunn.
- Gordon Dossett and Brandon Lewis have initiated collaborations with our Financial Aid office and the Foundation to develop financial support for students. For example, the Foundation is considering loaning money equivalent to that awarded by the Gilman scholarship fund since the awards are received by students after the winter study abroad programs occur. Developing financial support for students is a priority.
- We are instituting an application process for faculty interested in developing Study Abroad programs in collaboration with Kelley Brayton.

Campus Life

- The Pan-African support group received financial support to bring a speaker to the 3rd Annual Black Student Conference last spring.
- Bruce Smith and Perviz Sawoski will present an original play supported by the Global Citizenship initiative in November.
- Gordon Dossett, a Salzburg Fellow, will present a spring speaker series, “Food for Thought, Thoughts on Food” which will feature Pete Morris, Walter Meyer, and Jacki Horwitz.
- As our Facilities and EAC liaison, Pete Morris (a Salzburg Fellow) will represent Global Citizenship in the master planning process, promote sustainable practices, and explore the idea of installing artistic/symbolic and better bike racks on campus.
- The costs for the speakers for Earth Day 2009 will be supported by the Global Citizenship initiative.
- We will collaborate with students to explore additional ways in which we can use campus space—such as the food court—to promote global citizenship on campus. In addition we hope to create links with student government.

For more information go to www.smcglobal.org (thanks to Sal Veas!)