

## **INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT 2016-2017**

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During this academic year, the faculty Senate IEC continued its work as part of the **American Council for Education Internationalization Laboratory** that Salisbury University joined in the Summer of 2015. Since the committee did not receive any additional charges from the Senate, the primary work performed by the committee members was directed at phase III of this laboratory.

- **Fall 2016- Round Table Discussions**

The task force that was assembled last year, comprised of members of the IEC as well as of additional faculty, staff, and administrators from across the University, was divided early in the Fall into five main focus groups, and held weekly discussions throughout the term to further collect data about internationalization at SU. The five subgroups were:

- Education Abroad
- International Students
- Faculty Development
- Global Learning
- Collaboration and Partnerships

Each of these groups held **three** roundtable sessions to which the entire campus community (and members of the other groups) was invited. Each subgroup provided an aspirational goal and a series of questions to guide the self-evaluation in that area. In addition, each subgroup was mapped to the existing 2015-19 SU Strategic Plan and the 2015-19 International Education Strategic Plan. The meetings were designed to highlight achievements from the past decade of comprehensive internationalization expansion on campus and to identify opportunities for growth and improvement and strategies to achieve them.

Overall, the IEC/ACE task force held a total of **15 open roundtable discussions**, held every Tuesday nights throughout the Fall semester. Altogether more than **fifty** different members of the faculty and staff from Academic Affairs and Student Affairs attended meetings and generated nearly **thirty pages of group notes** on comprehensive internationalization. Additional faculty and staff members contributed input to the internationalization laboratory through department meetings, private meetings, and emails.

Members of the IEC were instrumental in making the faculty voice heard at each of these meetings.

- **Spring 2017- Final Report and ACE on-campus visit**

Members of the IEC received the first draft of the report authored by Dr. Brian Stiegler as a result of the Fall roundtables in the Winter 2017, and met early in the Fall to comment on it and suggest revisions. This report outlined key areas for future action in the five areas of internationalization,

with specific recommendations for future change and improvement. Individual IEC members provided detailed personal edits and comments on the draft, and discussed in particular the 2-3 “priority recommended actions” listed at the end of each of the five sub-areas of internationalization.

For instance:

### **Faculty Development Top Three Recommendations**

<b>Priority</b>	<b>Recommended Action</b>	<b>Responsible Unit</b>	<b>Time Line</b>
1	Establish Global Scholar program in each academic school to fund one SU faculty member to be in residence at one of our institutional partner institutions abroad each year	Center for International Education  School Deans	2017
2	Establish “Teaching for Global Diversity” faculty professional development program offering small stipends for faculty to pursue a semester-long curriculum focused on teaching students who are non-native speakers of English and who come from foreign cultures.	Center for International Education  English Language Institute	
3	Establish “Faculty Global Ambassadors” program to operate alongside “Student Global Ambassadors” program. The faculty program provides small stipends to trained faculty leaders who will support colleagues in the building of new Global Seminars and the integration of Salisbury Abroad semesters into academic majors and minors.	Center for International Education	

- The draft report was then shared with Dr. Barbara Hill, Senior Associate for Internationalization at ACE and two outside reviewers: Dr. Vicki Hamblin, Executive Director, Center for International Studies at Western Washington University, and Dr. Mark Schaub, Chief International Officer, Padnos International Center at Grand Valley State University.
- The ACE review committee came to visit our campus on **April 5-8, 2017**. Members of the IEC had opportunities to meet with them, at dinner and lunch during their visits. While some members of the IEC were not able to be present, many made a point to come and meet the ACE delegation in person.
- Based on the recommendations and report of the outside ACE reviewers, Dr. Brian Stiegler will further edit and complete the final version of the report and will share it with the IEC for further comments before it is shared with the entire campus community.