Minutes


The expectations of the visioning group are to develop a “White Paper” on the future opportunities for the international programs in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, to develop a position description, and to make recommendations relative to the search process.

The following reports were provided to the group for consideration: Report to the Dean from 1989, a position description from 199_, and ______. These documents will be put on the web for the group to review.

Discussion evolved around the following topics:

- There may be a need to prioritize our international programs and not try to be “all things to all people”, including prioritizing subjects/disciplines of excellence and areas of the world in which to be involved.

- Examples of objectives for a college-level international programs office would be:
  - Align programs with future markets (areas of the world undergoing rapid development).
  - Establish international partners, including academic institutions, businesses, and research institutes.
  - Integrate college-level programming into the University’s vision for international initiatives.
  - Seek sources of funding to support programming efforts, including finding ways to assist with grant writing.
  - Facilitate alignment of funding opportunities with faculty/staff expertise.
  - Encourage and assist in the collaboration of CALS faculty/staff with international partners.

- Opportunities for international programming in academics include:
  - CALS students studying abroad.
  - CALS faculty teaching to an international audience with the possibility of joint teaching.
  - International students studying at NC State.
  - Graduate students conducting research beyond the US borders.

- Opportunities for international programming in extension include:
  - Faculty development via international travel.
  - Programming utilizing the expertise of faculty in international settings.
- Assisting international economic development via collaborations.
- Exposure of county level employees to the international realm.

- Opportunities for international programming in research include:
  - Partnerships with international scientists for program enhancements.
  - Education and training of human capital resources for entrepreneur/economic development.
  - Collaborations for purpose of outsourcing processes and scientific procedures.
  - Funding opportunities from international companies and institutions.

- Next steps:
  - Need clarification of the roles of CALS and University’s International Programs offices.
  - Need to understand the vision for international programming at the campus level.
  - Need to review international programming at peer institutions.
  - Need to review previous statements regarding international programs in CALS.