

**Task Force on Global Education
Community Engagement Subcommittee Meeting
March 10th, 2008**

Present: Jeane Olson, Todd Sullivan, Michael Vincent, Harvey Charles, Sara Sullivan
Absent: Mayor Joe Donaldson, Susan Johnstad

Harvey began the meeting by welcoming the subcommittee members. Michael Vincent asked if there should be more community members on the committee. Harvey said that would be great if possible. Michael also mentioned that we could include the Arts and Business Alliance and the Sister Cities Association. Harvey said that would be great and that we hope to engage the community to our global agenda. Harvey then passed out agenda items. He said that many of these agenda items come from the power point presentation he gave during the first general task force meeting. The items listed are some viable ways that we can engage the community and advance a global agenda. Many members of the community are already supportive to this agenda. The current mayor of Flagstaff, Joe Donaldson, went on a short-term program to China last summer. Flagstaff is sympathetic to this agenda and already embraces some international relationships. Michael also mentioned that Flagstaff has a large amount of international tourists and we can use this to leverage interest.

Harvey then asked for a volunteer to chair the subcommittee. Todd Sullivan volunteered. Harvey then asked if others had ideas that were not on the agenda. He mentioned that the work of this subcommittee is to make recommendations to the task force. The task force may or may not add these recommendations into their final report. Todd Sullivan then mentioned that the Flagstaff Unified School District might be another good venue for international issues. He also added that there is the issue of global education vs. multicultural education. He asked the group how these ideas interact. Schools may place more importance on multicultural education. Harvey said that he thinks these ideas are closely tied together. One cannot talk about multicultural education without speaking of global education. An example of this connection is with immigration. Immigrants come from other countries and they bring with them their own culture and language. Immigration means engaging in the world community. Michael added that native cultures ought to be also considered in global education. Harvey agreed and said that these many native cultures look at themselves as separate nations. Native cultures should be part of this discussion and Harvey tried to get native representation, but was not able to. Harvey also said that including the Flagstaff Unified School District is significant. This month the Modern Languages department is hosting "Modern Language Days" for high school students.

Jeane Olson asked if NAU was affiliated with the Davis United program. Harvey said that NAU was not formally tied with Davis United. Jeane recommended that we look into the program. It worked well at Macalester College where Jeane was previously employed. Michael also mentioned the idea of an international magnet school within the school district. Perhaps collaborating with the university might help make it happen. Michael suggested an audit of businesses within Flagstaff with international connections.

Ideas suggested were the Chamber of Commerce and the Flagstaff Medical Center. Harvey mentioned that the Chamber of Commerce was a good place to start. He is currently looking into internship possibilities for international students there. Harvey also went back to the subject of the Davis United program. Most of these scholars get funding to come to university. He said that he did not think that NAU was in the position to be able to provide full funding. He might be able to provide a NAU tuition waiver. Jeane volunteered to look into the issue.

Todd also mentioned that we could look into working with service clubs in the community such as the Rotary Club and the Italian American Club. He also mentioned that Flagstaff has a strong Celtic influence. Harvey said that the Rotary Club awards scholarship for study abroad opportunities, but there are currently no formal ties. Todd also mentioned the difficulties that have had in the past with finding housing for visiting scholars. Perhaps we could establish a pool of people to house these individuals. Harvey also said that managing this situation has been difficult, but hopefully the Center for International Education (CIE) will be housed in the new residential complex to be built in the future. In this new building, the offices of CIE staff will be on the ground floor, a second floor will house visiting scholars, and the rest of the building will be a living learning community. Jeane also mentioned that at Macalester there was a lot of campus involvement (staff and faculty) with international students. It seemed to help the students a lot. Jeane also mentioned that they had an International House.

Harvey also mentioned that the CIE is working towards putting community cross cultural/international events on the calendar on the CIE website. Michael also mentioned adding in some cultural events within the Music department calendar. Todd mentioned that calendaring is difficult on campus. There is no common point where all events are listed. There was also talk of putting event calendars in the Lumberjack or within the My NAU portal. Harvey also asked about the Sister Cities program in Flagstaff and asked which cities were sister cities with Flagstaff. Sara will look into the Sister Cities Association. Jeane asked if the CIE organized events for international students. Harvey said that the CIE does organize a trip to the Grand Canyon. Harvey also mentioned that the CIE has launched a staff exchange.

The group decided to meet again in the second week of April.