

**Task Force on Global Education**  
**Community Engagement Subcommittee**  
**April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

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

*Absent:* None

**Agenda:**

- I. Minutes of March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting
- II. Report to Task Force on March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008
  - a. Feedback
    - i. Possible partner entities
      1. State of Arizona – AERO: Arizona Economic Resource Organization
      2. City of Flagstaff – Commission on Diversity Awareness, Flagstaff 40
      3. Campus – Commission on Ethnic Diversity
    - ii. Expanded Sub-Committee membership
      1. Decision after compiling a more complete listing of organizations
    - iii. What does “community” mean in the context of a multi-campus university? Yuma?
- III. Common Ideas
  - a. Identification of project goals inking campus and community
    - i. Articulate understanding of “global” in relation to “local”
    - ii. Communication and calendar of events
  - b. Sub-committee representation necessary to foster collaborations
    - i. Sectors of local community with global interest (catalog)
    - ii. More community representations
- IV. Next Steps
  - a. Other ideas
  - b. Recommended actions to Task Force

**Minutes:**

Todd began the meeting by reviewing the subcommittee report he gave at the last general task force meeting. He also spoke about the continued expansion of the subcommittee. He reviewed possible partnerships at the state level: AERO, Destination Funding, the Arizona Office of Tourism and possible partnerships at the local level: Commission on Diversity Awareness, Flagstaff 40

Michael also mentioned the Flagstaff Arts and Business Alliance and the Sister Cities Association.

Todd mentioned that additional members could be service clubs and organization to help further equalize the community to university member ratio.

Todd then asked Mayor Joe Donaldson if he had other individuals or organization to add to the list. The mayor mentioned Mike Manson, Warren Smith, and Tom Rainey. Mike Manson founded PetSmart and is an individual involved in education and thinks globally. Warren Smith works with Pine Canyon Golf Course and has many connections. Tom Rainey is the president of Northern AZ Center of Emerging Technologies. The Mayor also added that he has been a community member of Flagstaff for 66 years, and he went to China on a NAU program last summer. He is supportive of students seeing things from a different perspective.

The group discussed ways to bring campus and community together. Harvey mentioned that historically communities use universities for its intellectual assets. Research and private industries are sometimes in close proximity to one another. These industries take advantage of graduate students for internships and possible future employment. He also mentioned that the arts in Flagstaff are very much connected to the university's music, art, and theater departments.

Mayor Donaldson mentioned that initially community members are hesitant to partner with the university, but he hopes to bridge this hesitation. He hopes that in the future, NAU events could be held in the Council Chambers. He also mentioned additional partners within the community: John Giovanni (W.L. Gore), Machine Solutions, and David Kelley (Southwest Windpower).

Harvey also mentioned that the CIE has committed to be a resource for international events on campus and in the community. He would also like to explore finding ways to work with the local newspaper and KNAU.

Todd then asked the mayor what global initiatives we should add to our list. The mayor responded by saying that Flagstaff is a large cultural center for Native Americans. There are many foreigners interested in the native cultures of the U.S. In addition to native cultures, Flagstaff and Arizona are very diverse and also includes a rich Hispanic and African American history. Todd also added that global and multicultural elements are linked.

Finally, Harvey mentioned that the school district can also be a possible partner. We could also empower K-12 teachers by educating them on international opportunities such as the Fulbright program. Jeane also mentioned that institutions do not need to fund tuition to Davis scholarship recipients. Harvey also mentioned the recent Modern Language Days program. This program brought high school kids into campus to experience the opportunities with learning another language.