**Education iCAP Team November Meeting Agenda**

Monday, December 5th

5:00 – 6:00 PM

Zoom link: <https://illinois.zoom.us/j/88406657239?pwd=S2dMSW96MW5DWlRzenpBc3BLbXIrUT09>

*Attendees:* Eric Green, Asli Topuzlu, Kate Abney, Anna Mehl, Gretchen Forman, Jessica Nicholson, Luis Rodriguez, Bella Polizzotto, Grace Smith, Meredith Moore, Gopesh Anand (guest), Sharon Shavitt (guest)

*Absentees:* Anna-Marie Marshall

Agenda

1. Welcome! – 1 minutes (Asli)
2. GIES sustainability coursework discussion with guests – 40 minutes (everyone)
   1. Introductions
   2. Open conversation on implementing sustainability to Business classes
      1. What sustainability GIES courses or student programs exist?
      2. Are there any plans to develop courses focusing on sustainability?
         1. If not, are there any sustainability topics/objectives you would like to see implemented to the GIES College?
      3. Are there any resources available for instructors and faculty to develop sustainability GIES courses?
3. Further discussion on Study Abroad Recommendation – 10 minutes (everyone)
   1. Kate will discuss revisions that need to be implemented to the recommendation
4. Sustainability Gen Ed updates and remaining objectives – 5 minutes (Jessica)

Meeting notes

* Two guests from GIES: Gopesh Anand and Sharon Shavitt
* GIES do not have any courses fully related to sustainability – at least in the Business Administration Department
  + There are still courses that have sustainability components included (Triple Bottom Line, connection of project management to sustainability goals…)
* The aims of the team’s discussion with the guests
  + STARS report – tracks classes that revolve around sustainability – Eric trying to develop a course list that identifies the sustainability classes on campus
    - Discussing with the guests to see any Business courses that might have a relation with sustainability
  + Develop new ideas to improve the sustainability education on campus
    - Recommendation ideas for what kind of movement we can do for GIES College – incorporating some sustainability elements to courses, developing new courses…
* What is the current situation at GIES right now?
  + BUS 101 – college wide required course for incoming freshmen
    - The course has/had a sustainability focus
    - Aimee Barbeau is teaching it ([abarb6@illinois.edu](mailto:abarb6@illinois.edu)) – **the team can connect with her**
  + Another contact: Steve Raquel ([sraquel@illinois.edu](mailto:sraquel@illinois.edu)) –
    - teaches New Product Development – sustainability is a very important piece of that
      * the team can help him putting together a course projects for student teams
    - Advisor of the student chapter of the American Marketing Association – team members can join this as guest speakers and speak to AMA students
  + Another contact: Madhu Viswanathan ([mviswana@illinois.edu](mailto:mviswana@illinois.edu)) – retired but very engaged in sustainability related curriculum development and taught sustainability related courses
    - Still teaches in the iMBA (online MBA) program in a course called Global Business Horizons
    - Coordinates international workshops on sustainable marketing
  + Some Business staff might be interested in putting together a class project
  + GIES has **Supply Chain Management Program** – several projects are related to sustainability (Scope 3 emissions, Scope 4 emissions)
    - Interest from companies that the program is partnering with!
    - **Can be developed to a complete/partial course on sustainability**
    - Supply Chain Management Major - Contacts: Mili Mehrotra, Nehemiah Scott
* Are the GIES area chairs connected to the faculty in a way that they are relevant to send information that can get sent and spread among the faculty? – YES!
* Are there resources provided to faulty for the development of new coursework?
  + Resources that enable faculty to do research on the topic, trip to research sites…
  + Open grants that associate dean sends out
* **Gopesh recommends the group to explore ways in which we can include a few sessions related to sustainability to the existing courses – important first step to see what can be done in sustainability** 
  + **Gopesh is interested in implementing some aspects of sustainability into his Spring semester course (Process and Improvement course???)**
* Do the area chairs plan courses for the faculty/develop curriculum?
  + for the development of a new course, everything needs to be approved at higher levels than the area chairs
  + What goes to an existing course is entirely up to the instructor
  + Courses need to be a part of a Business major – this is at the area chair level
* **The team is interested in curriculum review/ adding sustainability components to existing business courses – we need to have something concrete in place**
  + Reaching out to suggested contacts can be useful to have a concrete idea of what the team can do for GIES courses
* The team needs to think about what kind of outcome that it wants to achieve?
  + Getting higher STARS score by increasing the number of sustainability related courses?
    - # of sustainability related courses VS # or % of students engaged in sustainability related courses
  + How do we get students connected to additional sustainability opportunities/classes/projects?
    - **Implementing sustainability components to BUS 101 can be a great way to have Business freshmen connected to sustainability – recommendation idea!**
* Sustainability in Study Abroad Recommendation
  + Kate already reviewed and edited the recommendation with Illinois Abroad Council Sustainability and Education Group
  + Every team member agreed that the recommendation is ready to be sent to iWG tomorrow!!
* Sustainability Gen-Ed updates from Jessica
  + Jessica is graduating this semester!!
    - She will be uploading all the Sustainability Gen Ed documents to the team’s Box folder
  + Slow-going process but almost done
    - Lack of support from deans this semester – they need to see this with some changes
  + Proposed motion: This idea will be implemented as a 3-credit hours Sustainability Gen-Ed option under Natural Sciences & Technology category
    - We also want to add this option to Social & Behavioral Sciences category
    - Adding this gen-ed option to additional categories can cause controversy
  + **New path: Make this one proposal a proposal to add sustainability category to both Natural Sciences & Technology and Social & Behavioral Sciences sections**
  + Course list is in-progress
    - Number of terms have been doubled; additional courses related to sustainability (may increase the course number by 25%)
  + What we need to do
    - Sustainability Gen-Ed option needs two different sets of course lists: one for Natural Sciences category and one for Behavior Sciences category
    - Need to do a course capacity analysis for Behavioral Sciences category (similar to the analysis that has been done for Natural Sciences category)
      * Compare the existing capacity of the courses, existing enrollment of the courses, percentage occupied capacity and the expected demand of the courses
    - Jessica will share a report on this Sustainability Gen Ed option
      * Team should work on how to replicate the already existing analysis of Natural Sciences category for the Behavioral Sciences category
      * Additional definition of sustainability for the context of the Behavioral Sciences category
    - The team needs to cover the whole scope of sustainability for the best sustainability outcome
  + After revising the proposal, the team needs to follow up with the deans again to get a formal endorsement (Jessica will provide the list of deans)
  + Endorsement section needs to be updated (may need new sponsorships)