

Mid-year Report 2013-2014  
Global and Intercultural Learning Committee  
Tidewater Community College

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Bullet #1 on the Charge: The Global Learning Committee voted to rename itself the Global and Intercultural Learning Committee, which better reflects the mission of TCC. This has been approved by the PAPC.

Bullet #2 of the Charge. The GILC has revised its structure to reflect broad representation of the College. It is a mix of faculty, administrators, librarians, and counselors. We are trying out this structure and will evaluate it a bit later this spring before making it final. At this time, we believe that our current structure will be our final one.

Bullet #3 of the Charge. We have created a subcommittee structure that is working quite well in helping us to achieve our goals. We have four subcommittees – Purpose/Mission/Vision; Competency Certificates for Faculty and Students; Programming; Study Abroad.

#### Sub Committee Progress

##### Purpose/Mission/Vision:

A revised purpose/mission/vision is in progress and should be completed by the end of this semester. Once this new statement is adopted by the committee, this subcommittee can be abolished.

##### Competency Certificates for Faculty and Students:

This subcommittee has made substantial progress on establishing a cultural competency certificate for faculty (a complete report is attached).

We hope to have the certificate ready to present to the college by the annual Spring Faculty Learning Institute. Dr. Natali and I are prepared to present at the Institute. The GILC in collaboration with the Intercultural Learning Office will develop programs to provide faculty and students with cultural knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary for working with our diverse student body.

Programming: We are developing a year-long calendar of academic programming to meet the needs of faculty and students. This year we held successful events for Hispanic Heritage Month and International Education Week., as well as the MLK Dinner and the Jewish Film Festival. We are also planning events for Black History Month and Women's History Month. Budgets are being prepared for these keynote

events by the Intercultural Learning Office. We are working to be able to use faculty and student ID cards to “take attendance” at the events.

The Chair of the Literary Festival is keeping the Committee informed of the events. The Lit Fest people have this festival well in hand, and the Committee is leaving them to their business.

#### Study Abroad

A GILC subcommittee has developed new procedures for developing and vetting new study abroad programs. The Committee will become “gate keepers” of academic programs, recommending them to the Deans and Vice President for approval when the programs meet the established standards. A pilot program is planned for summer 2015.

#### Faculty Exchange

The Tradium Exchange is progressing nicely under the leadership of Professor Bill Conner. Our Tradium partners will visit TCC in March, and Professor Conner will visit Tradium later this spring or early summer. We expect our first student group to visit in September. Plans for a TCC cohort to visit Denmark are underway and criteria for students needs will be established.

#### Goals for next year

The GILC has chosen the theme, “Changing in America” as its annual programming theme in 2014. We hope to be able to connect keynote global and intercultural events to this theme, as well as to learning outcomes. Hooking events to learning outcomes will help to engage faculty.

We also hope to engage more faculty in leading programs next year. We have a lot of talent here at TCC and we should make use of it.

At this time, we believe that we will be ready to launch the Cultural Competency Certificate for faculty next year. This cohort of faculty will plan the first cohort of student participants. This work is being done in coordination with Dr. Natali’s office.