On-campus Synergies and Collaboration to Improve Domestic and International Students’ Learning Abroad

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Today’s agenda

• Welcome and overview
• Learning Abroad conceptualized
• State of the campus conversation
• Research results
• Staff and faculty initiatives
• Q&A
Learning Abroad Conceptualized

- Need to tap into the **synergistic** potential of our in- and outbound student mobility activity

- **Learning abroad happens everywhere**, including on our home campuses. And it is not only our international students who are learning abroad on campus, our domestic returned study abroad participants are continuing their learning abroad when they return to MSU.
Campus Reality?

- International Students
- College Campus
- Study Abroad Students
Common experience: learning abroad
Common experience: learning on campus

- Int’l stds.
- College SA
- Campus stds
Facilitating Learning Abroad

• Preparing domestic students for education abroad and int’l students for reentry
• Providing cultural learning experiences for international students while they are studying abroad at MSU
• Providing continued cross-cultural on-campus engagement for domestic students returned from study abroad
• Providing cross-cultural on-campus engagement for domestic students who don’t study abroad
State of the campus conversation

The initial shift...
Research Findings

David’s slides here
The conference features presentations from MSU students who have returned from international learning experiences or are currently studying abroad at MSU.

Collaboration and Synergies
Call for Proposals
Scaffolding Student Learning
Infrastructure and Structures
Connecting to Community
Student Voice

http://studyabroad.isp.msu.edu/lac/
Learning Abroad: Student Voice

- **International Students**
  - 7 stories

- **Study Abroad Students**
  - 59 stories

- **Community Engagement**: 36% (54%)
- **Personal Growth**: 25% (15%)
- **Language Learning**: 3% (5%)
- **Advocacy**: 2% (6%)
- **Career**: 11% (12%)
- **Identity**: 3% (5%)
- **Cross-cultural Awareness**: 2%
Intercultural Competency Working Group

Fall 2011
Group Convened from International, Office and Equity and Diversity, and Community Engagement Units
• Leadership-Driven

Spring 2012
President’s Emerging Leaders Survey

Fall 2012 Retreat
Educating others on key ideas that influence our work and critiques of those ideas

Fall 2013
Reconfigured into: Collaborative for Intercultural Advancement
Intercultural Staff Training
Deliverable Team
University of Free State Model
Digging in... Data
Student, staff & faculty initiatives

*MSU students*

- Learning Abroad Conference
- International Coffee Hour
- Joint international essay contest
- International student orientation
- International student buddies
- International students as SA peer advisers
Student, staff & faculty initiatives

MSU faculty & staff

- Faculty Learning Community for Teaching & Learning Abroad
- Learning Abroad Conference
- “Intercultural Pillar” in the residential neighborhoods
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