

Governors State University

Student Affairs and Enrollment Management: Reaching Vision 2020

Focus Area: Office of International Services

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Implementation Year: 2018-2019

Goal 3: Enhance the GSU global experience for all students, alumni and community members.

Objective 1:	Plan and implement events that promote internationalization at GSU.
Action Items	Maintain and improve current events that help increase engagement and cultural awareness such as the Global Lunch Series, International Cooking Lessons, Multicultural Fashion Show, Chinese New Year, Holi Festival. Increase presence on campus and on social media regarding OIS community and upcoming events.
Desired Outcomes and Achievements (Identify results expected)	Increase in participation in OIS events by students, staff and faculty. Increase in quality of events, community relationship development and global understanding among diverse populations.
Achieved Outcomes and Results	OIS had a very successful Diwali Celebration and Multicultural Fashion Show. These are both ways in which cultural diversity is celebrated on campus. The Diwali Celebration was interactive and allowed domestic students to learn about some Indian festival traditions such as wearing sarees, henna and decorating oil lamps. The Multicultural Fashion Show had around 30 participants representing 14 different countries. Following the fashion show, there was an international food tasting with Student Affairs. All of this was called Culture Fest which was part of the new Spring Fest. OIS hosted a variety of educational events that involved global topics. This year OIS teamed up with Career Services to cover career preparation for international and study abroad students. Dr. West also hosted a rich discussion on the impact of the transatlantic slave trade on mass incarceration.
Analysis of Results (Where outcomes met? Exceeded? Progress towards goal. Implications for AY18 Objectives.)	The outcomes were met but still looking to improve each year. Participation in smaller events could be better. The discussion on the slave trade was well attended and requested to continue the discussion into the next academic year.

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Objective 2:	Develop strategic partnerships with regional organizations.
Action Items	<p>Join Rotary Club of Matteson to develop relationship with local stakeholders.</p> <p>Work with the GSU Foundation and follow-up on any positive leads for the international/study abroad population at GSU.</p>
Desired Outcomes and Achievements (Identify results expected)	<p>OIS will build connections with people and local businesses that can help international & study abroad students with internship/job opportunities and community engagement opportunities.</p> <p>OIS will identify scholarship or sponsorship opportunities for international students and/or study abroad programs.</p>
Achieved Outcomes and Results	Joined Rotary Club of Matteson and developing relationships. Worked with GSU Foundation to identify scholarships for students.
Analysis of Results (Where outcomes met? Exceeded? Progress towards goal. Implications for AY18 Objectives.)	Outcomes were met and will continue to prosper. Looking for more international student scholarships. With the assistance of private donors and the GSU Foundation, OIS was able to continue the Excellence in Equity Grant proposal of having a Global Service Learning Scholar. The funds allowed us to fully fund two students to serve abroad, enhance their personal and professional development and be an example for other GSU students. Each student selected was a first generation college student who never left the U.S. prior to serving abroad. The transformation of these individuals is immeasurable. GSU Foundation also helped subsidize costs for Paris program participants.