

SCIE Meeting
Friday, January 27 2023

Call to Order: 10:00 a.m.

Attendees

Tammy Rosner (USG), Cassie Danekes (USG), Sheila Schulte (UNG), Christy Flatt (Gordon State College), Eric Spears (Columbus State Univ), Kristin R. Kasting Karam (Georgia Southern Univ), Christine Shaw (Columbus State Univ), Erin Bentley (Columbus State Univ), Laura Boudon (GSU), Joshua Hudson (GSU), Charlotte Roulet (GSU), Kathryn Gaylord-Miles (KSU), Heather Jarema (UNG), Tina Rousselot de Saint Ceran (GA Tech), Ivan Nikolov (Valdosta State Univ), Lorie Johns Paulez (GA Tech), Caroline Cully Garbers (GA Tech), Yana Cornish (UGA), Martin Kagel (UGA), Leah Hicks (UGA), Charles Ubah (GCSU), Nneka Osakwe (Albany State Univ), Clemente Quinones (GGC), Brian Hibbs (Dalton State Univ), Lescia Gonzalez-Rivera (Georgia Southern Univ), Scott Bleiweis (Georgia Southern Univ), Ron Leonhardt (Albany State Univ), LaShonda Slaughter-Wilson (Albany State Univ), Ishante Hunter (Albany State Univ), Annalease Gibson (Albany State Univ), Brendan Harris (Augusta Univ), Katherine Grego (Augusta Univ), Kristina Guinn (KSU), Alexandra Seay (GSU), Ralitsa Akins (UWG), Lenita Swan (Albany State Univ), Lakeshia Borge (Albany State Univ), Ryan Lynch (Columbus State Univ), Erinn Bentley (Columbus State Univ), Kristine Shaw (Columbus State Univ), Brooke Quarterman (Columbus State Univ), Brennan Gonzalez (Columbus State Univ).

Introductions

Sheila Schulte asked all in attendance to introduce themselves, including name, institution, and whether or not this was their first SCIE meeting in person or not.

Minutes Of Previous Meeting

Kathryn Gaylord-Miles motioned for the approval of the September SCIE meeting minutes. Lorie Johns Paulez seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Election of New SCIE Chair

Eric Spears was nominated for the position of Chair of SCIE. He has 23 years in international education in the state of Georgia. He has been in Director-level positions at three institutions: Mercer University, Georgia College, and Columbus State. He enjoys working with medium-sized institutions. He does tend to fall more on the Education Abroad side of the field but also works with ISSS and international recruitment at his institution. He is focused on the internationalization of Columbus State's curriculum and just returned from a service trip to Guatemala. He has one foot in the classroom and one foot in administration.

Eric stepped out of the room for the election.

Sheila reminded everyone that there is only one vote per institution. All voted in favor of Eric. Eric returned to the room.

Subcommittee Reports

Education Abroad: Lorie Paulez, Chair of Subcommittee, mentioned that the committee would speak about challenges for the upcoming year and elections coming up at the next meeting.

ISSS: Kathryn Gaylord-Miles mentioned that their meeting would focus on discussions regarding the populations served by ISSS, with a focus on scholars this time.

Africa Council: Charles Ubah, Chair of the Africa Council discussed the upcoming events at KSU this year and the beginning of a Consortium at KSU. The events will include a Teach Africa series, and a Faculty Development series.

Asia Council: Eric Spears spoke on behalf of Eric Kendrick, Chair. The committee is hosting Teaching Asia Across the Curriculum. The meeting in the afternoon will be virtual and the workshop is free and virtual.

Americas Council: The Americas Council is in search of a Chair.

Middle East Council: Ryan Lynch, new Chair of the Subcommittee, is focused on building membership for this committee.

Break-Out Sessions

The SCIE meeting continued with members participating in two Break-Out Sessions of their choice focused on the following areas:

- Resources for new SCIE/USG members
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Efforts within International Education
- How to Best Engage Students in Your Co-Curricular Programs?
- Hybrid Work Environments and Staff Engagement
- International Partnerships

The SCIE meeting ended at 11:30 at the end of the second Break-Out session.