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My column this month is in two parts. The first looks at NMSU’s participation in the American Council on Education’s International Initiatives. The second part focuses on my three-year “vision” for NAFSA: Association of International Educators in my capacity as member of the Board and President.

NMSU and the American Council of Education’s International Initiatives

Since my appointment to my current position in January 2003, NMSU has worked hand-in-glove with the American Council on Education in an effort to “internationalize” our campus and our academic programs. To assist us in our efforts, I decided during my first month on the job to work with the ACE through its internationalization initiatives. As a first step, we joined and became very active in its *Internationalization Collaborative*, linking us with approximately 80 other colleges and universities around the country committed to working together to “internationalize” our campuses. As a consequence of our participation in the ACE *Collaborative*, NMSU’s Provost Dr. Bill Flores agreed to join the ACE *Chief Academic Officers Internationalization Forum*, a group of approximately 50 Chief Academic Officers (CAOs) committed to working together on campus internationalization issues. And finally, as a result of our participation in the *Collaborative*, and our Provost’s participation in the *CAO Forum*, NMSU joined and is currently participating in the ACE *Internationalization Laboratory*, an 18 month intensive, hands-on initiative focusing on defining and assessing internationally-focused student learning outcomes. As a result of this very extensive participation in the ACE programs over the last four and a half years, NMSU has made significant (but insufficient) strides toward “internationalizing” its programs, with a specific goal of defining and achieving internationally focused student learning outcomes. While NMSU has a long way to go before I would be satisfied with the level of internationalization, from ACE’s perspective, NMSU has come a long way. Consequently, next month, at the annual meeting of NASULGC’s Commission on International Programs, I will be presenting on NMSU’s campus internationalization efforts as one of only two ACE Internationalization Laboratory universities.



My “Vision” for NAFSA: Association of International Educators

I am currently President-Elect of NAFSA: Association of International Educators, and will assume the presidency January 1st, 2008. I will serve as President in 2008, the Association’s 60th anniversary year. At NAFSA’s 59th Annual Meeting in Minneapolis last month, I gave my “vision” speech for the Association, a vision I expect to see initiated during my year as President. In the speech, I argued that NAFSA should be more proactive than it has been in preparing both its members and non-member friends and participants to educate the world’s citizens to live peacefully in the midst of diversity and to be more proactive in promoting dialogue and offering solutions that can create pathways to greater international cooperation. In a nutshell, I urged NAFSA to be in the forefront of organizations advocating for and advance international education.

And the “why” of international education is, fundamentally, to increase the capacity of the world’s citizens to co-exist, share scarce resources, and cooperate to preserve our fragile planet through mutual understanding and negotiation.

What is the thread that “unites” these two seemingly unrelated topics—the aforementioned efforts here at NMSU’ to internationalize our campus and our programs and my “vision” for NAFSA during my tenure in the presidential stream? From my perspective, the “uniting” thread is international education. Arguably, the only way to both “internationalize” our campus as well as to advocate for “peaceful” solutions to world conflicts is to get to know others in the world—their cultures, histories, religions, languages, values, and the like. This is what international education is all about; indeed, this is the heart and soul of international education. And why is it that we should expend so much effort to get to know others in the world? Purely and simply, we need to get to know others in the world so that we can learn to get along with them. And that, simply put, is a “peace agenda,” an agenda for which I advocate both in my role as Dean of International and Border Programs at NMSU and President of NAFSA: Association of International Educators.

Everett Egginton

International Out-of-State Tuition Waiver Scholarship

There are a few remaining openings for International Out-of-State Tuition Waiver Awards for the Fall 2007 semester. These awards are given to newly admitted international students who have demonstrated academic excellence. The purpose of the waiver scholarships is to recognize and reward the exceptional achievements of students in Mexico and other nations, to foster international good will, to further enhance the academic credentials of NMSU, and to reinforce our accreditation efforts. Eligibility is based on grade point average and English proficiency testing (if required). Departments are encouraged to submit nominee recommendations to Mary Jaspers, marjaspe@nmsu.edu or call 646-2017.

NAFSA News - National Study Abroad Program

In a historical move to support the international education of America’s college students, the U.S. House of Representatives today passed H.R. 1469, the Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation Act.

The Paul Simon Study Abroad Act, introduced by Representatives Tom Lantos and Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, calls for the creation of an innovative public-private partnership to administer a national study abroad program with an ambitious mandate: to ensure that at least 1 million American college students will study abroad annually in 10 year’s time. The legislation gives particular attention to making participation in study abroad available to the widest possible spectrum of students and to expanding study abroad opportunities in less-common destinations, especially in the developing world.

The idea for a national study abroad program had its start with the vision of the late Senator Paul Simon who, before his death in 2003, worked to raise awareness of the need to ensure that the next generation of Americans is prepared with global knowledge and skills. A bipartisan federal commission subsequently recommended a national effort to dramatically increase study abroad by Americans. The Senate is expected to take up the legislation soon.

HED-TIES



NMSU students, faculty and administrators and UACH faculty and administrators who participated in the Close-out Seminar for the HED-TIES N.M.-Chihuahua Partnership for the Sierra Tarahumara Project held on June 8 in Chihuahua, Mexico. NMSU was represented by Everett Egginton, Ida Baca, Armando Martinez, Ken Hammond, Eric Lopez, Michelle Saenz, Manuel Lopez, Rosalia Sanchez, and Guillermo Ortiz.

Staff Additions

We would like to welcome two new employees to International and Border Programs, Ms. Terry Enriquez as Administrative Secretary to Ida Baca started on June 13 and Ms. Sandra Moreno as Admissions Record Specialists, replacing Ms. Rita Stevens who recently retired. Ms. Moreno is scheduled to begin her employment with International and Border Programs on July 5th.

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