

# Global Education NEWSLETTER

*Office of Global Relations • Office of Interdisciplinary, Distributed and Global Learning*

**March 2002**

## ***The Unification of the Global Relations and Global Learning Newsletters***

With this issue, we are now combining the respective newsletters of the Office of Global Relations and the Office of Interdisciplinary, Distributed and Global Learning. Under Rick Isquith's direction, Global Relations focuses on developing international program articulation agreements, student travel experiences, and multidisciplinary on the campuses, while Global Learning, under Michael Sperling's direction, focuses on the integration of global education into the curriculum and related faculty development, Global Virtual Faculty, and distributed learning initiatives. We realize that while the distinction between these two offices is clear to those directly involved, to most faculty and staff it is murky. This new combined newsletter emphasizes the fact that these offices work together to champion our leadership in global education.

### ***What's New***

- The newly revised Global Education Web Site ([www.globaleducation.edu](http://www.globaleducation.edu)) was launched in February, 2002. This site provides information on the concepts behind the Global Education mission at FDU, global education activities on the campuses, the distance learning initiative, and the Global Virtual Faculty Program, as well as timely events provided by both the Office of Interdisciplinary, Distributed and Global Learning and the Office of Global Relations.
- Michael Sperling, Cathy Kelley and Dalila Suhonjic recently presented "The Global Challenge—A New Model for On-line Distance Learning" at the Association for American Colleges and Universities 2002 Annual Meeting to bring our distance learning experience to faculty and administrators from a variety of academic settings.

- Two Study Abroad Courses will be offered for June, 2002. They are:
  - **Math 1107** (4 cr.) – Precalculus, In Italy  
- Course covers the mathematical advances made up to and through the time of the Renaissance
  - **White Nights in St. Petersburg** (3 cr.)  
- Focuses on the present day realities of business, education and politics in and around St. Petersburg.

For questions or comments related to registration, contact The Office of Global Relations at (201) 692-2392.

### ***UN Pathway Ambassador Series***

The first two lectures in the UN Pathway series were held at the Teaneck and Madison campuses. Over 100 students, faculty and staff attended the interactive lectures by Ambassador Ahmad Kamal of Pakistan. Ambassador Kamal addressed the topics of the United Nations in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, globalization and the role of Pakistan in the world today. In addition to these February 4<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> on-site lectures, we held the first of the video conferences through direct ITV links between Teaneck, Madison and the United Nations. Ambassador Kmonicek of the Czech Republic, Ambassador Gheit of Egypt, and Ambassador Kamal, who acted as moderator, provided the audience in Teaneck and Madison with a lively discussion on Religious Fundamentalism and Terrorism. Faculty and students at both campuses also participated in the interactive part of the session. There are a few more events of this sort planned for this semester. Please mark your calendar and join us at these truly noteworthy lectures.

- March 25<sup>th</sup>**      **Florham-Madison Campus**  
 Lenfell Hall at 6:00 p.m.  
 Guest Speaker: Amb. Innocencio Arias  
 of Spain  
 Topic: Spain in Europe and in the  
 United Nations
- April 3<sup>rd</sup>**      **Teaneck-Hackensack Campus**  
 Rutherford Room, 6:00 p.m.  
 Guest Speaker: Amb. Kamallesh Sharma  
 of India
- April 11<sup>th</sup>**      **Video Conference**  
 ITV Rooms at Teaneck and Madison  
 11:00 a.m.  
 Guest Speakers: Amb. Peter Chkheidze  
 of Georgia, Amb. Semakula Kiwanuka  
 of Uganda, Amb. Widodo of Indonesia  
 Topic: Potential Conflicts in the World
- April 24<sup>th</sup>**      **Teaneck-Hackensack Campus**  
 Rutherford Room, 6:00 p.m.  
 Guest Speaker: Amb. Yukio Satoh of  
 Japan  
 Topic: Japan in the United Nations

### **FDU at the UN**

As noted in the previous newsletter, FDU has gained NGO status through Department of Public Information with the United Nations. You may have been wondering what this really means. In our attempts to build ties with the United Nations in support of our mission, the NGO status allows us permanent presence at the United Nations. FDU's representatives are President Adams, Michael Sperling and Irwin Isquith. NGO briefings (see calendar) are open to any members of the FDU community. We are entitled to five daily passes for weekly briefings at the NGO office in the United Nations. If there is a particular briefing you would like to attend, send an e-mail to [suhonjic@fdu.edu](mailto:suhonjic@fdu.edu) and we will arrange for a daily pass.

### **March Calendar of NGO Briefings**

**March 14, 2002**

- Topic:**      *Financing for Development (FfD):  
 Countdown to the International  
 Conference in Monterrey, Mexico*
- Location:**      DHL Auditorium

- Time:**      10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
- Speakers:**      **Poul Nielson**, Commissioner,  
 Development and Humanitarian Aid,  
 European Commission.  
**Ruth Jacoby**, Ambassador, Permanent  
 Mission of Sweden to the United  
 Nations, Co-chair of the Bureau of the  
 FfD Prepcom.  
**Oscar de Rojas**, Executive Coordinator,  
 FfD Secretariat.

Other speaker(s) to be announced

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**March 21, 2002**

- Topic:**      *International Day for the  
 Elimination of Racial Discrimination*
- Location:**      DHL Auditorium
- Speaker(s):**      To be announced

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**March 28, 2002**

- Topic:**      *Information and Communications  
 Technologies (ICT) Task Force: Closing  
 the Digital Divide*
- Location:**      DHL Auditorium
- Speakers:**      **Pekka Tarjanne**, Special Advisor to the  
 UN Secretary-General on Information  
 and Communications Technologies

Other speaker(s) to be announced

***BRIEFINGS BEGIN AT 10:30 A.M. AND END AT  
 11:30 A.M., UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED.***  
 A THEMATICALLY RELEVANT U.N. VIDEO IS  
 SCREENED AT 10:00 A.M. BEFORE THE BRIEFING

### **Faculty Exchange**

As part of the activities of the Office of Global Relations, contacts are constantly being made with universities around the world. One item in which many of them are interested is being able to send faculty here for a year (or less) and receiving FDU faculty at their schools. If you are interested in exploring such a possibility, please contact the Office of Global Relations at (201) 692-2392 and we will explore the options with you. In the immediate future, FDU will be hosting individual scholars from Russia, India, and Korea. It

is wonderful having them come to us, but we should also take advantage of opportunities to go to their countries.

### **GVF Recruitment**

Our Global Virtual Faculty roster currently has 20 scholars and professionals from 16 countries. The latest additions to the GVF are Dr. Viorela D. Ciucur from Romania, Dr. Narendra Jadhav of India, and Dr. Velma Pollard from Jamaica. Dr. Ciucur is an Assistant Professor of Piano Accompaniment at The Music Academy in Bucharest while Dr. Jadhav is an Advisor to Executive Director for India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Bhutan at the International Monetary Fund (IMF), Washington, D.C. Dr. Pollard is a Caribbean writer and poet. To find out more about the Global Virtual Faculty Program and who our visiting scholars are, please visit our website at [www.globaleducation.edu](http://www.globaleducation.edu) and follow the link to Global Virtual Faculty. We continue to recruit through faculty nominations and suggestions. Please take a few minutes and let us know if there are individuals you have worked with in the past who you think might be valuable to our academic community. You can submit your nominations through our website.

### **National Guard Project**

We are poised to sign an MOU with the National Guard, both through the New Jersey Division of Military Affairs and the Federal National Guard Bureau, to deliver a summer demonstration project in global education. Specifically, The Global Challenge core course will be offered to a multi-state group of National Guard personnel in an effort to test the use of on-line pedagogies in their system that has traditionally used video technologies exclusively. This project represents great potential for FDU. If successful, the effort will hopefully grow to a large-scale national rollout, with significant outreach and revenue potential. It will also offer the kind of global perspectives so valuable to National Guard personnel. Central to this project on the FDU end have been Ron Calissi, Mark Campbell, Martin Donoff, Michael Sperling, and Ken Vehrkens.

### **2nd Year DL Course Planning**

Development of DL2 courses, most of which will engage Global Virtual Faculty, is now underway. Each of the four colleges has identified from one to three courses distance learning courses from which sophomore students will take one. The roster of DL2 courses in development is:

Becton College	- Environmental Biology - Introductory Psychology - Nobel Literature
COBA	- Macroeconomics
New College	- Career Women in Literature and Film - Introduction to Computers - Macroeconomics
University College	- The Life of the Mind

### **Affiliations**

Each year we have international students who come to us as a part of an agreement with another school. Izmir Advanced Education Institute in Turkey and International University Study Center (IUSC) in Barcelona, Spain are two examples. This coming year IUSC will be sending us its first group of Communications majors; these students will join students of Environmental Science and Marine Biology. This will be the fifth year for the science programs here. These students spend only one year with us, but have followed FDU's curricula in their first three years of study in their home institution.

Similar, new relationships are being sought with schools around the world. Brazil, Dominican Republic, Russia, United Arab Emirates, Korea, Japan, Philippines and others are all in the preliminary discussion stages. If you have colleagues at schools that might be interested in forming a relationship with FDU, please forward the information to the Office of Global Relations.

### **Global Issues Website**

A small ad hoc group of faculty and staff have continued discussions on the creation of a global issues website, the first of its kind, which is currently in the development process. The site will

emphasize matters of global exchange and will include a topical array of information within the areas of political, scientific, ethical, economic and cultural issues. This project will further enhance the global education mission here at Fairleigh Dickinson University. The anticipated launch of this site, which should have wide international exposure, will be in May, 2002.

### **Chronicle of Higher Education Exposure**

During the week of February 18, one of the Chronicle of Higher Education's lead reporters on information technology and distance learning came to our campuses for two days of interviews and discussions with faculty, staff and students. The Chronicle's story interest was on-line learning at residential campuses, and their sense was that we were a leader in this venue and so called on us. This opportunity could represent great continued exposure for FDU, and for our distance learning initiative and global education mission. Depending on other breaking news, we hear that the intended publication date is the March 22 issue, which first appears on March 18.

The Chronicle also contacted us a few days ago asking that Michael Sperling participate in a taped audio interview on the question of whether colleges should require computers for all of their students. The other participant will be David Brown, former provost at Wake Forest University (and a speaker at FDU several years ago on this issue), with Jeffrey Young of the Chronicle moderating. If all goes well, the Chronicle intends to post the audio for streaming download on their web site in the near future.

### **Wroxton Workshop Proposals**

Thirteen proposals have now been received from faculty for this June's first annual Wroxton Summer Course Development Workshop. The proposals are being reviewed by the Distance Learning Task Force, with decisions likely by late March. The week-long workshop will engage eight campus faculty, as well as a three Global Virtual Faculty, in a process of developing on-line courses that engage global and interdisciplinary themes. There will also be several opportunities for discussions/lectures by

scholars and practitioners working in related areas in England.

### **Study Abroad Courses**

Students and faculty are showing an increasing interest in studying abroad. Currently, the following time scheduling sequence is being used. Students, who wish to travel immediately after the spring semester (late May-early June), will register for the course as a fall course, offered in the semester immediately following the travel. This would require them to priority register for the course in April (just before they travel). Some additional class work will be required during the fall. Maintaining a symmetric registration pattern, students wishing to travel during the winter break, will register for it as a spring course, which requires priority registration during the previous fall semester.

As of now, FDU faculty members are offering courses in St. Petersburg, Russia and Florence, Italy this spring. During the winter break that has just passed, Laureano Corces, Lecturer of Spanish, in Maxwell Becton College of Arts and Sciences, offered a very successful course in Mexico. If you are interested in offering a study abroad course, it may be easier than you think. There are companies that will take care of all the logistical matters, leaving you free to handle the academic component. For more information, please call ext2392.

In addition to these courses, information is available about study abroad opportunities made available to our students by other universities and companies specializing in this sort of activity. Opportunities range from one course to an entire year. All subjects and regions of the world are available.

*\*The Office of Global Relations ask all Faculty to keep our students informed of all upcoming events sponsored by our office.*

**For more information on our programs, please contact us directly.**

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