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Global Leadership Seminars

During the upcoming months, we will once again begin hosting a regular series of Global Leadership Seminars. These luncheon faculty meetings are intended to be an opportunity for collegial dialogue on global issues and relevant pedagogies, featuring speakers who come to us through our association with the United Nations. Our first seminar will be held at The Metropolitan Campus, on October 7. The featured speaker will be Demetrios Argyriades, of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs at the United Nations, speaking on "Global Citizenship – the Role of Higher Education." To facilitate an engaging dialogue, the number of faculty participating in the discussions is limited to 20 on a first come, first served basis. We are continually planning the series of seminars, on both campuses, and welcome any ideas for topics and/or contacts with potential speakers. For further information, contact The Office of Interdisciplinary, Distributed and Global Learning at (201) 692-7360.

Fall 2002 Schedule

The Metropolitan Campus

- Date:** Monday, October 7, 2002
Time: 11:30AM-1:30PM
Speaker: Demetrios Argyriades
Topic: Global Citizenship – the Role of Higher Education
- Date:** Monday, November 4, 2002
Time: 11:30AM-1:30PM
Speaker: TBA
Topic: TBA

The College at Florham

- Date:** Monday, October 21, 2002
Time: 11:30AM-1:30PM
Speaker: TBA
Topic: TBA

- Date:** Monday, November 18, 2002
Time: 11:30AM-1:30PM
Speaker: TBA
Topic: TBA

Delivering FDU to the World

The University's mission statement, in part, reads, "Fairleigh Dickinson University...dedicated to the preparation of world citizens through global education." Certainly, we are all aware of some aspect of the university's striving to fulfill this goal. Many of you have attended lectures provided by UN ambassadors, attended interactive television presentations emanating from the UN, taught many international students in your classes, taught in the Global Challenge with Global Virtual Faculty, etc. All of these activities are valuable for our academic community, but it is only one side of the coin. They all bring the world to FDU students, but they do not take FDU students to the world. We strongly contend that you cannot fully embody what it means to be a "world citizen," if you have never left your country of birth.

Any faculty member, who, as an undergraduate, had a study abroad experience, appreciates that it may have been one of the most important components of his or her education. We, as faculty, should make every effort to encourage our students to have that same experience. Certainly, some of our students have had a taste of it – some have gone to Wroxtton for a semester, some to Mexico for a single course, some to Switzerland as part of a curricular requirement, and many others. Regardless of these opportunities, most of our students have not studied abroad.

In an attempt to increase the percentage of students that do travel, we are pursuing three approaches:

- The establishment of contacts with universities around the world that would welcome our students either for a semester or for a summer course.
- Discussions with a private firm that would provide our students with a full semester at a series of sites within a single country.
- The encouragement of our faculty to teach courses for some of their own students and other students from the university at sites outside of the United States. This third approach is the one that I consider most important, because it involves not only the students, but our faculty as well. It also shows our faculty in an international light to our students.

When talking to faculty about this option, they frequently indicate that they would like to teach a course and know where they would like to teach it, but don't have the time or expertise to arrange all of the mundane matters, such as hotel and flight booking, visas (if needed), medical insurance, and so on. If you fit into this category, we can probably be of help. A company has recently been established that will take a faculty member's idea and convert it into a reality. The company has the expertise to indicate what is and what is not realistic and price it competitively based upon their working relationships with hotels, airlines, etc. If you have a study abroad idea for your students, please contact Irwin R. Isquith at (201) 692-2395. It could be an exciting activity for you and profoundly change the lives of your students – the future citizens of the world!

NGO Briefings

NGO Briefings are held every Thursday 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the United Nations. FDU faculty and staff are encouraged to sign up for the briefings (calendar on the back). There is a limit of 5 daily passes per briefing and these are distributed on a first come first served basis. For more information on the NGO status and UN Pathway programs, see inside this edition or contact Dalila Suhonjic at (201) 692-7362 or Irwin R. Isquith at (201) 692-2395.

GVF – A Program on the Rise

Global Virtual Faculty (GVF) are professionals and scholars from around the world, who partner with Fairleigh Dickinson University's domestic faculty, and link on-line with our students, bringing a global dimension to the learning experience. Each year, new faculty participate in our exciting program. We welcome 16 distinguished faculty members in the Fall of 2002, which brings our total roster now to 35. The interchange between GVF and core faculty has been invigorating and we hope to expand these forums over the coming years, as well as the outreach of GVF to students. With your help, we can achieve a growth in our roster to approximately 75 by the fall of 2004. Nominations come largely from faculty networks, and we ask of all faculty, and staff where relevant, to consider nominating a colleague. Nomination forms, as well as additional information on this highly unique program, can be found on-line at www.globaleducation.edu.

We welcome the newest additions to our GVF roster:

Australia

Dr. Amir Mahmood, *Economist, University of New Castle*
Russel McDougal, *English, University of New England*

Denmark

Dr. Thomas Kennedy, *Writer*

Egypt

Dr. Samia Mehtez, *Arabic Literature, American University Cairo*

India

Dr. Shridhar Rajesawaran, *English*

L.N. Vijayaraghavan, *Secretary to Government of Tamil Nadu, India*

Italy

Linh Dinh, *Author*

Jamaica

Dr. Petsy Lewis, *History, University of West Indies*

South Africa

Dr. William Futter, *Pharmacy, Rhodes University*

Brenda Mallinson, *Information Systems, University of Rhodes*

Dr. Chris Stones, *Psychology, University of Rhodes*

Switzerland

Dr. Richard Cranowski, *MD, M.P.H Swiss Medical Association, Dept. Quality and Health Technology*

United Kingdom

James Gallagher, *Forensic Science*

United States

Ameena Meer, *Author*

Victor Rangel-Ribeiro, *Author*

Bino A. Realuyo, *Author*

Global Visiting Scholars at FDU

As part of its role in global education, each year FDU hosts visiting scholars from around the world. This year, at the Metropolitan Campus, we have several visiting scholars from South Korea. They include:

1. Dr. Lee Young Doo, is from Gyeongsang National University. While here, his research will focus on a study of Mark Twain's moral vision.
2. Seung-Hun Oh works for Munhwa-Ilbo Munhwa Daily Newspaper, where he is in charge of the "general culture news section". While here, he will be studying English and learning about American culture.
3. Mr. Heung Woo Yi is an award winning TV producer working for Munhwa Broadcasting Company. His TV programs have dealt with social issues such as equal rights for men and women as well as lighter subjects, including music and "infotainment". He also recently published a book, "The Cello and the Pork" about pop music and Korean pop art.
4. Keun Soo Lee, earned his Ph.D. from Sungkyunkwan University in Seoul, Korea. Currently, he is Director of the Korea Research Council for Industrial Science and Technology. Author of many articles and books; his major area of interest now is Art Management.

These visitors enrich the FDU community. They are eager to learn from us, and we should be equally eager to learn from them. They have been given offices in the appropriate academic departments. If you meet one of them, engage them in conversation. Perhaps, invite them to present some material to a class about business practices or pop culture in Korea or perhaps even about Mark Twain.

Faculty exchange is important for our mission. If you know of someone, who you feel would be an asset to our community, please contact us at (201) 692-2392. We will work with you to bring them here. Conversely, we can help any faculty member who wants to go abroad as part of a faculty exchange program.



Ambassador's Club at FDU

Fall 2002 UN Pathway Lecture Series

Teaneck

Wednesday, October 9th, 2002 6:30 p.m.

Rutherford Room, Student Union Building

Topic: Terrorism

Speaker: H.R.H. Ambassador Prince Zeid Raad Al Zeid Hussein of Jordan

Madison

Wednesday, October 16th, 2002 7:00 p.m.

Lenfell Hall

Topic: Financial Crises in Latin America

Speaker: Ambassador Arnaldo Listre of Argentina

Video Conference

Tuesday, October 24th, 10:30 a.m.

ITV Madison/Teaneck/United Nations

Topic: US Position on ICC and Peacekeeping

Participants: TBA

Teaneck

Wednesday, November 13th, 2002 6:30 p.m.

Rutherford Room

Topic: Southern Africa - Problems and Prospects

Speaker: Ambassador Dumisani Kumalo of South Africa

Video Conference

Tuesday, November 21st 10:30 a.m.

ITV Madison/Teaneck/United Nations

Topic: Global Citizenship and National Security

Participants: TBA

Madison

Wednesday, December 4th, 2002 7:00 p.m.

Rothman Room

Topic: Women's rights

Speaker: Ms. Noeleen Heyser, Head of UNIFEM

(UN Development Fund for Women)