INFORMATION ITEM:
Update on International Programs (The State of Internationalization at UNCG)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

UNCG has many international strengths and emerging opportunities that augur well for the university. For 20 years internationalization has been spearheaded by the International Programs Center (IPC), which now sends about 390 students abroad per year; makes travel awards to faculty, students, and staff; recruits and admits degree-seeking international students to UNCG; and sponsors extensive international programming on the campus and in the community. In addition, many campus units have contributed to internationalization through their curricular and co-curricular programs. Among these are the programs of the Lloyd International Honors College, specific international majors, foreign language education, and general education global marker designations. These and other internationalization efforts have informed the community’s thinking and raised internationalization to a priority on campus, establishing it as one of five target areas in the current Strategic Plan.

In 2010 as a part of the implementation of Strategic Goal 5.3, UNCG (along with seven other schools) was selected to participate in the 8th Cohort of the American Council on Education’s Internationalization Laboratory. Each of the cohort schools conducted an internationalization study. The Provost appointed a 16-member Internationalization Taskforce that concluded its self-study. In a site visit, the self-study was examined by an external review team and positively received. The Taskforce made 16 recommendations and an implementation plan for those recommendations is being developed.

The presentation will introduce some of the recommendations of the Taskforce that are meant to enhance qualitatively an already strong internationalization program on the campus, positioning UNCG in the first decades of the 21st century to provide a powerful learning, research, and service environment that will allow our students, faculty, and staff to act effectively on the global stage.

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