We Are Changing: How Partnerships with MSIs and Community Colleges Enhance Opening Access Initiatives

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“I had barely been out of Eastern North Carolina growing up, and as a minority candidate, there were some unique challenges – culturally and financially – for me to be able to participate in a global opportunity. At the end of a magical summer in Japan, I stood atop Mount Fuji at sunrise looking out over a sea of clouds. My experiences abroad gave me access to a whole new worldly perspective, one I could have never gained in a classroom or from a textbook.”

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How we are changing:

1. UNC’s collaborative Opening Access Initiative puts us in relationship with underrepresented groups in NRC and non-NRC activities.

2. We always work from the expressed needs of our partners, and we have measurable outcomes.

3. UNC’s NRC staff and faculty understand little about challenges faced by MSIs and by CCs in internationalizing their curriculums, but we are learning through evaluation.
Collaboration at UNC has long history

Not always pretty or smooth, but trust and goodwill have developed over time.

NRCs for Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, Middle East, and International
UNC’s Opening Access Initiative

- Wide range of university partners and initiatives to increase participation
  - NRC funding AND outside/donor funding

- Increased # of underrepresented students:
  - Passport to GO
  - Puerto Rico Trip
  - Funding for study abroad/travel
NC Global Distinction Program at Community Colleges

- Dedicated unit (Long term view)
- Standardized the requirements
- Employ both top down and bottom up approaches
- Follow up activities

NC Global Distinction Program

15 credit hours of globally intensive courses
8 international activities and dialogue
30 hours of study abroad or a domestic intercultural experience
a capstone presentation
Graduated with Global Distinction on their transcript

13 CCs Participating
7 CCs have institutionalized
Approaches in Working with Other MSIs

1. WSSU (Africa, Asia, Latin America and Global)
2. NCCU (Asia, Europe and Latin America)
3. Bennett College (CGI and Europe)
4. Durham Tech (Middle East)
5. Fayetteville State University (CGI)
1. Course Development Grants and Conference Travel Grants

2. Strengthen Institutional partnership with Jamia Millia Islamia, a minority serving university in India

3. Develop a New Chinese Studies Program

• Institutional Partnership
• Demand Driven (Align with Institutional needs and plan)
• Focus on key areas
• Evaluation

Joti Sekhon, Director of International Programs, WSSU

Jamia Millia Islamia
• Co-hosted an American Institute of Pakistan Studies fellow (UNC faculty and NCCU faculty)
• Pay the institutional membership fee
• Grants to invite speakers to NCCU campus
• Became the Vice President of the American Institute of Pakistan Studies

“The Carolina Asia Center supported NCCU faculty by paying their professional memberships to area studies organizations that opened up a variety of opportunities for promoting South Asia studies on the NCCU campus.”
Asia Scholar Network Conference

- Platform for networking and collaboration
- Normalize the dynamic between MSIs and non-MSIs
Our Evaluation Team helps us change, based on needs of partners.
Symposium, August 2016
Community Colleges to UNC campuses

- NC Global Distinction Program is preparing students for universities in the UNC System
- UNC-Chapel Hill has Opening Access Program
  - Passport to Go
  - The Global Take Off: Puerto Rico program
“With a primary goal of opening access to global education, working with HBCUs, Community Colleges, and Schools of Education has helped UNC-CH increase its sensitivity to issues of inclusion and diversity. It has helped moved us forward in terms of opening access to students who have not traditionally participated. We have also heard from our partners that it has helped them move forward as well.”
Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, Middle East & International Studies

Title VI Funds from 5 NRCs provide:

• Visiting Faculty Fellows with Library Access
• Course Development Grants
• Speaker Funds
• Conference Travel
• Travel costs between UNC and MSIs
• Undergrad FLAS Fellowships
• International Linkages Travel for all world regions
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