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THE GLOBAL UNIVERSITY

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What is a Global University?

- “A Global University is one in which international and multicultural experiences and perspectives are fully integrated into its teaching, discovery, and engagement missions (2004 NASULGC Task Force Report, A Call to Leadership: The Presidential Role in Internationalizing the University)



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The Foundation of a Global University

- Internationalization perceived as value added
- Internationalization is not a “silo” or “stove-pipe”



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- 1) *Internationalization is included in the strategic plans for all schools and colleges*
 - Step: Provost instructions
 - Step: Establish International Advisory Council



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- 2) *International aspects are integrated into all majors or all students (including those in professional schools) complete a relevant internationally focused major, minor or certificate*
- Step: Avoid "curse of stand-alone degree" in international and area studies



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- 3) *Financial, curricular and other barriers are overcome to make education abroad accessible and affordable for all students and education abroad offerings are evaluated in terms of quality and relevance to the educational and career objectives of students*
- Step: Implementation of a campus-wide study abroad fee
 - Step: CIC Bowl or Big 10 Sports' Network revenues
 - Step: Capital Campaign priority
 - Step: Engage and Fund Faculty in the Creation of Relevant Study Abroad Opportunities



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- 4) *Foreign language proficiency is a requirement for all students and efforts are made to customize language instruction to fulfill the learning objectives of both majors and non-majors of languages*
- Step: U.S. Department of Education Title VI Funds
 - Step: Establish campus-wide foreign language programs



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- 5) *Opportunities for students' international internships are made available*
- Step: Campus collaboration with corporations and NGOs, especially those with University of Illinois connections
 - Step: A priority of Chancellor and Provost foreign travel missions
 - Step: Engage 3rd party providers e.g., CAPA in the U.K. and Amizade in U.S.



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- 6) *Faculty searches are international and global experience is preferred*
- Step: Create international faculty lines' program
 - Step: Incentivize hiring of faculty with international teaching, research, and engagement interests
 - Step: Capital Campaign priority



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- 7) *International teaching, research and engagement activities are assigned significant weight in annual review of faculty and in promotion and tenure decisions*



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- 8) *Senior International Officer reports directly to the Chief Academic and Chief Executive Officer*
- 9) *Senior International Officer is positioned to interact effectively with deans and other councils and committees*
 - Step: SIO sits on Council of Deans
 - Step: SIO chairs International Advisory Council



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- 10) *Barriers are eliminated in recruitment of international students and students are encouraged and given opportunities to engage in internationalizing campus and local community*
 - Step: Remove government obstacles to visa acquisition
 - Step: Scholarships/fellowships for international students
 - Step: Eliminate "ghettoization of international students by establishing "living and learning communities" and by organizing social activities engaging both international and domestic students
 - Step: Establishment of International Student Ambassador program to K-12 and local community



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11) *American immigrant and heritage communities are drawn upon to contribute their rich expertise and experiences to the institution's learning, discovery, and engagement missions*

- Step: Launch lecture series and conferences
- Step: Assist foreign language instruction



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12) *Global Partnership is an institutional priority*

- Step: Select academic partners who complement institution's strengths
- Step: Focus on sites where campus has significant networks deemed strategically important to both campus and state
- Step: Emphasize few rather than many high quality strategic partnerships e.g., Illinois-Tsinghua
- Step: Establish broad and deep partnerships including immersion and thematic study abroad programs, faculty teaching and research collaborations, faculty and student portal for region



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12) Global Partnership is an institutional priority (cont'd)

- Step: Seed funding program for international institutional collaborations e.g., IGAP
- Step: Include capacity building as objective of global partnerships especially in LDCs e.g., establishing professional masters of science programs
- Step: Engage corporate partners
- Step: Create high-quality joint or double degree programs

