

## **Resolution 1112-SU-006**

### **A Resolution on Graduate Student Participation in Study Abroad Programs and The Ohio State University Global Gateways**

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WHEREAS The Ohio State University President, E. Gordon Gee, has stated, “It is time to provide all our college students with the benefits of a global curriculum, global experiences, and global thinking;” and

WHEREAS the President’s and Provost’s Council on Strategic Internationalization highlights the following strategic goals for an international Ohio State University: 1) Increase OSU’s role in solving the major international issues of our time, 2) Educate students to be internationally competent in their discipline, 3) Advance our land-grant mission by assisting the State of Ohio in developing its international economy, and 4) Position Ohio State to be the land-grant university to the world by its leadership in expanding the international reach of its teaching, research, and service; and

WHEREAS the University System of Ohio’s Strategic Plan for Higher Education 2008-2017 calls for increasing the number of students participating in Study Abroad programs by 2017; and

WHEREAS the Office of International Affairs has highlighted the development of global gateways as an initiative to develop an international physical presence to provide the university with the ability to: 1) Build upon faculty research/teaching and international partnerships, 2) Scout opportunities for study abroad locations, 3) Recruit International Students, 3) Network with alumni and reconnect them to the university, and 4) Partner with Ohio-based businesses; and

WHEREAS the Office of International Affairs has opened a Global Gateway office in Shanghai, China and is examining opportunities in India, Brazil and Turkey; and

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Council of Graduate Students supports Study Abroad programs, and calls for greater outreach to graduate students with the intention to increase Graduate Student participation in such programs; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of Graduate Students supports and commends the Office of International Affairs on the Global Gateway program; and

LET IT BE FUTHER RESOLVED that the Council of Graduate Students urges the Office of International Affairs to work collaboratively with graduate students in

furthering the Global Gateway program, and utilizing Graduate Student experiences in promoting the aforementioned gateways; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of Graduate Students shall commit reasonable resources to collaboratively develop a mechanism for increasing the participation of graduate students in study abroad programs; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of Graduate Students charges its graduate student representatives in University committees to vote in accordance with this resolution; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of Graduate Students charges its President to communicate to the Ohio State University President, Executive Vice President and Provost, Vice President of Student Life, Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School, Deans and Faculty of all University colleges and programs employing graduate students, and all others to advance the Council of Graduate Students' position as established by this resolution.

Approved: Y/N

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