

In the summer of 2019, the American Council on Education selected Purdue University Northwest (PNW) as a member of the ACE Internationalization Laboratory, a cohort program that provides leadership for a systematic and collaborative approach to global education. PNW, as part of the 17th cohort, is now one of nearly 170 institutions that have made a serious commitment to comprehensive campus internationalization and promotion of institutional goals that further global education.

Laboratory members work as a leadership team to develop both a PNW-focused comprehensive internationalization strategy and an ontology for tracking/assessing PNW's success. PNW's participation in the Laboratory will be led by George F. Kacenga, PhD, Executive Director of Global Engagement and Kenneth Kincaid, PhD, Associate Professor of History and Philosophy. They will work with a cross-institution team to develop and implement the ACE Internationalization Laboratory process.

The most recent PNW Strategic Plan explicitly prioritizes “**International Perspectives and Global Engagement.**” Consequently, PNW participation in the ACE Internationalization Laboratory project synergizes with the new Strategic Planning Task Force effort. Working together as a team to convene stakeholders across PNW, Laboratory members shall inventory and promote the internationalization strategies that best operationalize PNW aspirations as articulated in the Strategic Plan.

The Charge for PNW's ACE Internationalization Laboratory Members

- Serve as the local leadership team for the ACE Internationalization Laboratory;
- Review and analyze current internationalization efforts, including education abroad, international student success and retention, recruitment, and global partnerships;
- Develop a plan for increasing global learning opportunities for students, faculty and staff, both at home and abroad. The activities should also increase in rigor, faculty engagement, and oversight;
- Create a culture of involvement and participation during the planning and implementation process;
- Connect PNW's global engagement initiatives with its community-centered service mission;
- Craft a strategic plan for further University internationalization, including the following:
 - Recommendations to increase the number of international students in PNW ELP, undergraduate, and graduate programs and to facilitate and support the success of these students; and
 - Recommendations to increase the number of PNW students studying abroad (short- and long-term) and to develop a University-wide approach to education abroad;
 - Recommendations to increase the number of academic and student life programs that promote awareness, understanding, and acceptance of other nations and cultures, and to engage the entire PNW community in the internationalization process.

The Charge for ACE in Assisting its PNW-Based Internationalization Laboratory Members

- Review current institutional internationalization activities;
- Identify challenges and obstacles;
- Develop an action plan and desired student learning outcomes;
- Recommend internationalization goals and strategies;
- Define key issues, facilitate dialogue, promote collective thinking; and
- Build support for the globalization process across campus.

To meet its goals, the Laboratory will work closely with appropriate administrators and with all University departments and schools. Outcomes, plans, and achievements of the Internationalization Laboratory will be posted on its website and disseminated widely.

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