

Global Education Committee Report

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Charge 1

In collaboration with the offices of CATLR, ADVANCE Office of Faculty Development, and Research Enterprise Services the Global Education Committee will: Compile a list of current initiatives the offices of CATLR, ADVANCE Office of Faculty Development, and Research Enterprise Services have started to help foster collaborations across Northeastern's Global Network. Outline the resources available to faculty and evaluate the success of these initiatives.

Project Overview

Objective: To compile the current initiatives led by CATLR, the ADVANCE Office of Faculty Development and Research Enterprise Services (RES) that foster faculty collaboration across Northeastern's Global Network. This will include outlining available resources and recommendations for assessing the success of these initiatives.

Scope: The project will document faculty development programs, networking opportunities, and collaborative research initiatives accessible to all global network campuses, providing recommendations for improving engagement and effectiveness.

Results

- **Current initiatives:**

CATLR, ADVANCE, and RES offer programs like teaching innovation fellowships, mentoring, faculty networks, writing groups, conferences, research funding (TIER Awards, CSSH Dean's Initiative), and virtual events. Calendars and point-of-contact lists are available for faculty engagement.

- **Recommendations for Enhancing Collaboration**

- **Communication:** Create a centralized platform and improve research matchmaking tools.
- **Engagement:** Build a repository for collaboration opportunities and expand hybrid events for global faculty.
- **Metrics:** Track participation, collect feedback, and measure co-teaching, joint research, and mentorship outcomes.

Results

- **Success Metrics and Impact Evaluation**
 - **Engagement:** Track participation rates and usage of collaboration tools.
 - **Collaboration:** Measure increases in co-teaching, joint research, interdisciplinary interactions, and involvement in hybrid/virtual programs.
 - **Satisfaction:** Conduct surveys and gather qualitative feedback through interviews and focus groups to refine efforts.

Charge 2

In collaboration with the provost's office, develop a plan to build an online dashboard to streamline college activities across Northeastern's Global Network. By developing a Northeastern Network resource page that outlines research and creative activities across colleges, members across NEU's global network can learn about the other colleges, academic programs, research opportunities, etc. all in one place. Formulate a plan of action to support (funding, etc.) connections between faculty working and teaching across NEU's network campus by identifying opportunities for collaborative research and experiential learning, co-teaching opportunities, hiring, faculty development, and university-wide networking.

Project Overview

Objective: To create a comprehensive, user-friendly online dashboard that serves as a central hub for faculty and staff across the global network to access information on academic programs, research initiatives, and collaboration opportunities.

Scope: The dashboard will integrate research, teaching, and networking resources from all global network campuses (U.S., UK, Canada, Ireland), promoting cross-campus connections and support.

Results

- **Platform Development and Technical Specifications:**
 - **Design & User Experience:**
 - Main menu with categories (academic programs, research, co-teaching, etc.).
 - Personalized dashboard for relevant opportunities.
 - Advanced filtering and search by campus, department, and opportunity type.
 - **Technical Requirements:**
 - Centralized data integration with university databases.
 - Secure login using university credentials.
 - Responsive design for desktop, tablet, and mobile.
 - Analytics tools to track usage, engagement, and optimize content.

Results

- **Content Development:**
 - **Global Network Resource Page:**
 - Academic programs/courses with cross-campus credit options.
 - Research repository with publications and collaborator links.
 - Experiential learning opportunities (internships, study-abroad, community projects).
 - **Faculty Connection Resources:**
 - Searchable faculty directory by expertise, campus, or interest.
 - Collaboration board for posting/responding to research or teaching partner calls.
 - Access to hiring opportunities and faculty development programs.

Results

- **Success Metrics and Impact Evaluation:**
 - Engagement and Usage: Monitor faculty login rates, time spent, and engagement with various sections.
 - Cross-Campus Collaboration: Track increases in co-teaching, research collaborations, and faculty participation in experiential learning projects.
 - Satisfaction and Feedback: Conduct periodic surveys to gauge user satisfaction and gather qualitative feedback on the dashboard's impact on faculty engagement.

Charge 3

Formulate a plan of action to support (funding, etc.) connections between faculty working and teaching across NEU's network campus by identifying opportunities for collaborative research and experiential learning, co-teaching opportunities, hiring, faculty development, and university-wide networking.

Project Overview

Objective: Facilitate a vibrant, interconnected faculty community that fosters cross-campus collaborations, enhances research and teaching practices, and encourages professional growth.

Target Outcomes: Increased faculty engagement in joint research projects and experiential learning.

- More frequent cross-campus co-teaching opportunities.
- Expanded access to professional development and hiring across network campuses.

Results

- **Funding Strategy**
 - **Internal:** Create a “Faculty Collaboration Fund” and “Seed Grants” for cross-campus projects.
 - **External:** Seek grants and industry partnerships for research and development.
- **Program Development**
 - **Research:** Form thematic clusters (e.g., climate change, public health, rule of law/security) for collaboration.
 - **Experiential Learning:** Partner with local organizations for opportunities.
 - **Co-Teaching:** Support virtual co-teaching and cross-campus course sharing.
- **Faculty Development**
 - **Workshops:** Offer global training on teaching and research.
 - **Mentorship:** Connect new and experienced faculty across campuses.
 - **Funding:** Support conference attendance and sabbaticals.

Results

- **Networking**
 - **Summit:** Host an annual global faculty conference.
 - **Platform:** Build an online tool for collaboration and discussions - integrate with dashboard.
- **Hiring & Mobility**
 - **Shared Hiring:** Enable joint faculty roles across campuses.
 - **Exchanges:** Fund short-term teaching/research stays; streamline administrative procedures.
- **Incentives**
 - **Awards:** Recognize top collaborators annually.
 - **Benefits:** Include collaboration in promotion criteria.
- **Evaluation**
 - **Track:** Monitor participation in programs.
 - **Surveys:** Gather annual faculty feedback.
 - **Assess:** Measure success via joint research, co-teaching, co-publishing, and projects.