The Global Connections Committee (GloCo) is dedicated to fostering international friendship, dialogue, and linkages among members of the campus community. Through social education programming, the committee promotes the greater interaction of people from different ethnic and cultural backgrounds and experiences, and exposes students to international issues. Global Connections strives to develop innovative, cultural, and educational programming for the UW-Madison community; in pursuit of this goal the committee organizes many international and multicultural events throughout the year. Social justice is an integral part of event programming as Global Connections aims to mend the cultural divides that exist on campus in order to create global citizens. The committee director works in partnership with the program advisor.

**Ongoing Programs include:**

**Educational Excursions:** Designed to expose international and domestic students to Wisconsin and the Midwest. Trips may include Chinese New Year Parade in Chicago, Public Museum in Milwaukee, or Indian Summer in Milwaukee. A minimum of one trip should be offered each semester.

**Flavors of the World Series:** consists of events that are focused on the connection between cultures and their food. The events include educational presentations and samples of food. Each of the events should be theme-based on a region, culture, or a specific topic (a social movement, historical events, etc). Collaboration with student organizations or students who are informed on that region or culture is strongly encouraged to ensure authenticity for both the information and the cuisine. A minimum of two events per semester is recommended.

**Global Social Justice Series:** Events in this series focus on social movements in a specific culture, especially movements that are not discussed much on campus. Events are intended to be a combination of a lecture and a workshop. One must find creative ways to involve the audience. A minimum of one event per semester is recommended (normally two are held per semester).

**Global Festival Series:** This series aims to bring light to a variety of holidays that are celebrated around the world, and how these holidays are significant in the lives of the people that celebrate them, both on campus and internationally. These programs include a combination of an interactive activity (can be artistic, food-related, etc.) and an educational portion, which should be presented by groups or individuals that celebrate or research these holidays/festivals. A minimum of two events per semester are recommended.
**Global Cultural Arts Series**: Consists of events that are focused on arts and crafts of a specific culture or region. An educational component is required to make sure students attending the event learn something about a different culture or celebration. Collaboration with student organizations or students who are informed on that region or culture is strongly encouraged to ensure authenticity for both the information and the art/craft. A minimum of one event per semester is recommended (normally two are held per semester).

**Major events**: Consists on large-sized events put on by the committee that attract a crowd of 200 people or more. Historically successful events have been the annual pumpkin carving in the fall semester, and the annual runaways of the world (fashion show with students) in the spring semester. A minimum of two events per semester are recommended.

**Collaborative Events**: Consists on collaborating with different student organizations to create different programming on international cultures. Events can be in any form or format, and collaborations must go beyond just financial help (for example, help the student organization in reserving spaces, planning the event, and executing it). A minimum of two events per semester are recommended.

**Director Duties**:

- Chair weekly Global Connections committee meetings, attend necessary weekly meetings, hold general office hours (typically 10 hours per week) and participate in cooperative WUD projects and activities.
- Recruit, select, and train Associate Directors for your term of office. Actively search for ways to help better the leadership skills of Associate Directors.
- Build a sense of community within Global Connections, working to directly involve Global Connections general membership in the planning of committee programs, and attempt to develop a sustained and growing committee membership.
- Work with the committee to establish goals for programming.
- Foster a comfortable, friendly and open environment for all committee members.
- Lead committee members in planning and implementing social education programs, training them on the procedures and policies of the Union and the Global Connections Committee.
- Familiarize yourself with the programming needs of the university community regarding international, cultural, social, and collaborative opportunities.
- Set an example of leadership for committee members and encourage committee members to pursue leadership positions.
- Oversee marketing and branding for the committee and all GloCo sponsored events, fostering relations with the Union’s Marketing Department.
- Actively pursue co-sponsorship opportunities and ongoing relationships with a variety of student organizations, as well as other UW-Madison groups and departments.

**Responsibilities to Directorate**:

- Participate in weekly Directorate meetings, using officers and fellow directors as resources. Perform action items as required.
- Serve on a Union Council Advisory Board.
- Participate in annual WUD Fall Retreat (3 days in mid-August), facilitate AD training, and participate in additional leadership trainings as mandated by the officer team.
- Increase campus presence by actively pursuing co-sponsorships within WUD and throughout the campus community.
- Promote Directorate committees and the organization at student fairs and other recruitment opportunities.
- Actively communicate with Union officers about needs and goals of committee.
- Create an adequate binder of information for the incoming director to understand the intricacies of running the Global Connections Committee. Ensure that all digital materials are stored on the Union’s shared drive.

Additional Relationships Fostered:
- Multicultural Student Organizations
- International Student Services
- Multicultural Student Center (MSC)
- Relevant Academic Departments

Term of Office
- May – May, with active participation in trainings before term begins
- Academic Year: 20 - 25 hours per week.

Remuneration
- Academic Stipend - 60% of yearly tuition based on previous year, distributed at the beginning of each semester (Benefits Policy PL3-14)
- $50/month - Wiscard Amount (8 months)
- Lifetime Union Membership

See Policy PL3-4 for Expectations of Wisconsin Union Directorate committee directors

Last updated: 11/15/18