Global Connections Director

The Global Connections Committee 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. This position works in partnership with a program advisor.

Ongoing Programs include:

Educational Excursions: Designed to expose international and domestic students to Wisconsin and the Midwest. Small local or day trips could include corn mazes, snow sports, the Wisconsin Ducks/ Wisconsin Dells, and State Parks. Larger trips may include Chistkindlmarket in Chicago, the Chinese New Year Parade in Chicago, Holiday Folk Festival in Milwaukee, or Indian Summer in Milwaukee. A minimum of two or three trips should be offered each semester.

Cultural Collaborations Grant: A grant program designed to assist Registered Student Organizations that are interested in planning cultural events for the campus community. The goal is to attract a diverse audience to the event. To be funded, the event must be open to all students and effort to attract a broad audience should be demonstrated. Grant application must be completed and presented to the committee.

Flavors of the World: "Flavors of the World" consists of events throughout the year 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 themed based on a region or culture. 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.

Afternoon Conversation Series: The Afternoon Conversation Series is a weekly coffee hour experience where participants can engage in facilitated, friendly conversations about different topics and themes. Free refreshments are provided while participants enjoy learning about diverse cultures and practicing their conversational skills.

Director Duties:

1. Chair weekly Global Connections committee meetings, attend necessary weekly meetings, hold general office hours and participate in cooperative WUD projects and activities.
2. Lead committee members in planning and implementing social education programs.
3. Train committee members in procedures and policies of the Union and the Global Connections Committee, as well as general leadership skills.
4. Work to directly involve Global Connections general membership in the planning of committee programs.
5. Build a sense of community within Global Connections and attempt to develop a sustained and growing committee membership.
6. Actively pursue co-sponsorship opportunities and on-going relationships with a variety of registered student organizations, as well as other UW-Madison groups and departments.
7. Administer *Cultural Collaborations Grant* program and modify the program as necessary to facilitate its use by UW-Madison RSOs. This includes setting guidelines, selecting recipients, and administering funds to students and student organizations wanting to program to diverse campus audience.

8. Plan and implement Education Excursions which include a variety of local and regional travel opportunities.

9. Continue developing the Flavors of the World series designed to introduce students to regional and international cultures and cuisines.

10. Work to market and brand Global Connections and WUD as a whole.

**Additional Responsibilities of Director:**

- Coordinate and organize programming in Union South and in Memorial Union.
- Familiarize yourself with the programming needs of the university community regarding international, cultural, social, and collaborative opportunities.
- Recruit, select, and train Associate Directors.
- Work with the committee to establish goals for programming.
- Create an adequate binder of information for the incoming director to understand the intricacies of running the Global Connections Committee.
- Serve on a Union Council Subcommittee.
- Foster a comfortable, friendly and open environment for all committee members.
- Set an example of leadership for committee members and encourage committee members to pursue leadership positions.

**Additional Relationships Fostered:**

- Cultural Student Organizations
- International Student Services
- Multicultural Student Center (MSC)
- Relevant Academic Departments

**Term of Office**

May - May

Academic Year: 20-25 hours per week

**Remuneration**

- 60% of instate tuition
- Food Stipend: $50/month 15-16 level
- Lifetime Union Membership

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