

Annual Report
2007-2008

The Office of International Programs
Mrs. Minnie Battle Mayes
Director



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Dr. Janice Brewington
Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
North Carolina A&T State University
Greensboro, NC

Dear Dr. Brewington:

Enclosed herewith is the 2007-2008 Annual Report for the Office of International Programs.

Sincerely,

Minnie Battle Mayes
Director

A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Office of International Programs was established in March 2000 and given the mission to implement all programs and agreements that deal with the globalization of the University. It was mandated to be the campus-wide initiative to fill a void in the education of students at North Carolina A&T State University. That void was the lack of emphasis on interdisciplinary international experiential education. The establishment of the Office of International Programs was a critical first step in fulfilling the Futures goals of globalization and interdisciplinary studies.

The Office is within the Division of Academic Affairs reporting to the Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs for Undergraduate Programs. It is administered by a full time Director, Study Abroad Coordinator, and Program Assistant. The Office of International Programs serves every department in the University, all students and faculty. The OIP also works with every administrative unit in the University.

Significant Accomplishments

Our efforts lead to the following accomplishments during 2007-2008:

- Sent **200th** student abroad since the inception of OIP in 2000 for academic credit
- Awarded the Global Studies Certificates to 16 graduating seniors (12 in December 2007; 4 in May, 2008)
- Received grant to host the *Tournees French Film Festival*. Selected 5 French language films that were shown during International Education Week (IEW) and the two weeks prior to IEW
- Organized the 8th Annual International Education Week campus wide observation with keynote address by Dr. William DeLauder, former director of the Lincoln Commission on Study Abroad
- Sponsored Peace Corps Week Reception in February where our faculty member, Mr. John Paul Owens was awarded the Presidential Volunteer Award by Mr. Henry McKoy, Regional Director for Africa and Ms. Lynn Kneedler, Peace Corps Regional Manager.
- Arranged for a reciprocal faculty exchange (Dr. Paul Ankomah is spending the summer conducting joint research) at Cape Peninsula University of Technology (CPUT) in South Africa as part of the UNC Exchange Program pilot exchange between our universities.
- Organized 2 simultaneous Fulbright Fellowships workshops for faculty and students conducted by representatives from the New York Fulbright Office.

Mission and Goals

Mission Statement

The Office of International Programs at NC A&T strives to create access to, and an appreciation for, international and cross-cultural experiences through study abroad and exchange programs on-campus workshops, lectures, co-curricular and cultural events.

Goals

- I. To promote global awareness and understanding through student, faculty, and staff development.
- II. To provide access to study abroad and international exchange programs, international internships and service learning opportunities.
- III. To assist in the development of an interdisciplinary global studies curriculum leading to a certificate, minor or major degree.
- IV. To market NCA&T International Programs and capabilities both on and off campus, provide information about international activities of the university and to spearhead A&T's international outreach to increase the global image of the University.

A. GOALS FOR UPCOMING ACADEMIC YEAR

In addition to implementing various strategies to reach the four goals outlined above, the objectives of the OIP for next year include:

1. Merging *GSCP 200 - Introduction to Global Studies* with the University Studies foundation course *Contemporary World*, thereby insuring a level of global competency for **all** A&T students, whether they go abroad or not;
2. Increasing the number of study abroad participants;
3. Create major-specific study abroad tracks for various disciplines;
4. Continue increasing opportunities and training for faculty to develop in-house study abroad and exchange programs.
5. Write a proposal for outside funding.

A. OVERVIEW OF THE UNIT

1. The following University System strategic direction, in concert with NCA&T's *FUTURES* initiative act as the charge for the Office of International Programs (OIP).

University of North Carolina System: Strategic Direction #5 –Internationalization

Promote an international perspective throughout the University community to prepare citizens to become leaders in a multi-ethnic and global society.

North Carolina A&T State University FUTURES Initiative – Globalization

Goal Two—Deliver visionary and distinctive interdisciplinary learning, discovery, and engagement that include collaborations and partnerships as part of the learning experience.

Strategies:

- Developing an operational model to transform the University into an interdisciplinary paradigm with a global focus;
- Adding interdisciplinary and international educational opportunities;
- Establishing and enhancing international partnerships;
- Enhancing student, faculty and staff participation in global interdisciplinary experiences.
- Implement enhanced opportunities for international service learning programs for faculty and international study and internships for at least 5 percent of our student population (500 students).

2. BASIC STRUCTURE OF THE UNIT**STAFF****Director**

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FACULTY COMMITTEES:**Global Studies Certificate Program (GSCP) Committee**

The Global Studies Certificate Program is an interdisciplinary initiative designed to globalize the curriculum and provide students with a cohesive learning experience including study abroad. It includes two courses developed to open and close the certificate program thereby linking the learning and international experience to analysis and critical thinking.

Ms. Minnie Battle Mayes, Director OIP

Dr. Chi Anyansi-Archibong, Department of Business

Dr. Bravo de Rueda, Department of Foreign Languages

Dr. Ray Davis, History

Dr. Nita Dewberry, Assistant Dean, College of Arts & Science

Dr. Jothi Kumar, Department of Chemistry

Dr. Samuel Owusu-Ofori, Mechanical Engineering

Dr. Michael Roberto, Department of History

Dr. Terrence Thomas, School of Agriculture

Dr. James Wood, Department of History

Faculty Advisors for Study Abroad (FASA)

FASA provides support for the Office of International Programs by being faculty “experts” for the programs they represent and/or advising students for study abroad, exchange, and international internships. Members advise for specific programs and countries:

Ms. Minnie Battle Mayes, OIP – ISEP/SIT
Dr. Carolyn Durham, Department of Foreign Languages
Dr. Vereda King, Economics – UNCEP, Mexico
Dr. Samuel Owusu-Ofori, Mechanical Engineering – Ghana
Dr. Thomas Porter, History - Russia
Dr. Jose Bravo de Rueda, Foreign Languages – UNCEP, Uruguay
Dr. Sanjiv Sarin, Industrial Engineering – CAPES-FIPSE, Brazil Consortium
Ms. Sandra Williamson, Honors Programs, Ghana, Thailand (Short Term Programs)
Dr. James Wood, Department of History – UNCEP, Brazil/Israel
Dr. Millie Worku, Animal Science – Costa Rica (Organization for Tropical Studies)

Study Abroad Procedures Committee (SAP)

The Procedures Committee creates and institutionalizes the process for facilitating student exchange and study abroad.

Ms. Minnie Battle Mayes, Director OIP
Ms. Ronnette Hamilton, Financial Aid
Mr. Scott Hummel, Comptroller
Ms. Barbara Booker, Registrar’s Office
Ms. Freida McKie, Office of the Treasurer
Ms. Angela Peterson, Auxiliary Services
Ms. Angela Dubose, Treasurer
Mr. Leonard Jones, Housing
Ms. Patty Young, Graduate School

International Education Week (IEW)

The International Education Week committee is composed of students, faculty, staff, alumni and community representatives interested in promoting the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide. They help coordinate a week-long annual event that increases the campus community’s knowledge of and appreciation for global issues, languages, history, geography, literature and the arts of other countries.

B. Progress Toward Key Goals

Goal I: To promote global awareness and understanding through student, faculty, and staff development. OIP sponsored and participated in the following:

U.S. International Education Week: an annual occasion in mid-November to highlight the importance of international education in promoting understanding, tolerance and knowledge. It is observed by universities all over the U.S. and U.S. Embassies around the world. The Office of International Programs organizes the weeklong observation with workshops, cultural presentations, student presentations about their study abroad experiences (both outgoing and incoming international students), and guest speakers.

The Director of International Programs visited our exchange partners and 2 A&T students in Brazil last August. This visit reinforced the commitment to continue the exchange and provided an opportunity to discuss ways to improve the program. I also visited a new partner we gained with additional funding for a new and expanded exchange. In the absence of a study abroad coordinator, the Director visited numerous classrooms to provide presentations to students about international opportunities at A&T.

Workshops were provided for faculty on developing short term study abroad programs, and on Advising A&T students for study abroad: understanding the campus processes.

Goal II: To increase the number of students studying abroad for a semester or academic year to 5% of A&T's graduating seniors by 2006.

During 2007-2008 (summer 07 through spring '08) 44 students (compared to 34 last year) studied in 21 countries: Argentina, Australia, Belize, Brazil, China, Denmark, Ethiopia, France, Ghana, Ireland, Japan, Mexico, Morocco, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Peru, Russia, South Africa, Spain, Turkey and Uganda. Equally, if not even more important as the numbers, is the new perspective developed among students returning from study abroad that they now bring back to the A&T campus.

Five international exchange students came to NCA&T from Ghana, Mexico, Spain and Turkey. Three remained at A&T for two semesters and two students were here for one semester.

Our April Study Abroad Fair was very successful even though the office was short staffed. We relied more upon the students to promote the programs they participated in and it worked out very well.

Goal III: To assist in the development of an interdisciplinary global studies curriculum leading to a certificate, minor or major degree.

During AY 2007-2008, the Office of International Programs awarded Global Studies Certificates to sixteen students. Plans are now underway to make the Global Studies Certificate available to other populations such as international exchange students.

Goal IV: To market NCA&T International Programs and capabilities both on and off campus, provide information about international activities of the University and to spearhead A&T's international outreach to increase the global image of the University.

The OIP continues to host international visitors on campus while having them meet with faculty, administrators and students. A delegation of business leaders from Saudi Arabia visited to discuss civil society and human rights in America with faculty, students and administrators. They were particularly interested in NCA&T's civil rights legacy.

Maintaining a community presence through liaison activities with local organizations remains paramount in our goals. The OIP continues to nurture our relationship with such organizations as the World Affairs Council, the Piedmont Triad Council for International Visitors, Rotary Club, and others. The Director was invited to give a presentation to the USDA-NRCS in Greensboro about international activities at North Carolina A&T. We expect this will lead to greater partnerships at the international level.

C. Most Significant Accomplishments

During AY2007-08, forty-four (44) A&T students participated in education abroad programs. Five international exchange students came to NCA&T from Ghana, Mexico, Spain and Turkey. The exchange of ideas and cultures has had a very positive impact on the campus community and has significantly increased awareness of the opportunity for students and faculty to become engaged in international education.

We have also worked put in place the infrastructure to allow faculty to begin leading groups of students on summer study abroad and short term study tours. Other significant accomplishments for the year include:

- Receiving grant to host the Tournees French Film Festival (fall semester)
- Held two Global Studies Certificate Ceremonies (fall and spring) graduating a total of 16 Global Scholars
- Implemented weekly General Information Sessions (2 per week) for students interested in learning about study abroad. This cut down on the constant student traffic in and out of the office and the subsequent interruptions to provide information. Additionally, by using

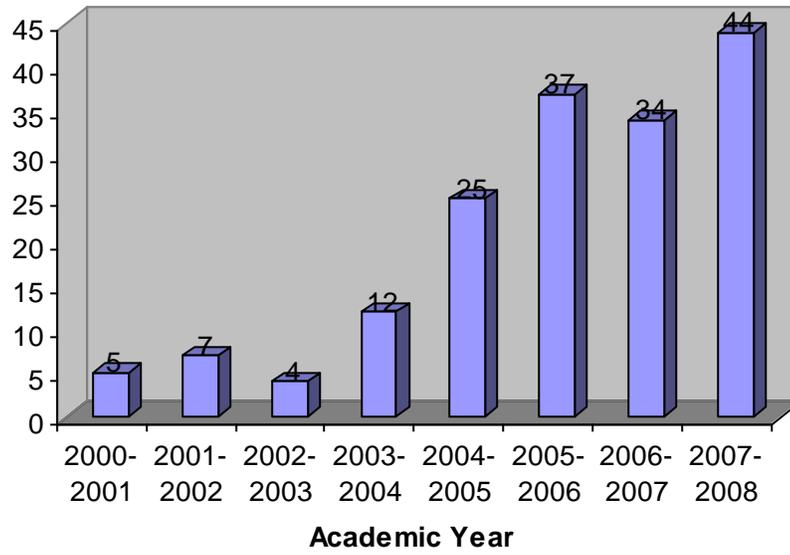
this power point presentation, it insured that all students were getting the same information.

- Assisted faculty with short term study abroad programs to China, Ghana, Italy and Greece, and Thailand.
- Arranged for a reciprocal faculty exchange (Dr. Paul Ankomah is spending the summer conducting joint research) at Cape Peninsula University of Technology (CPUT) in South Africa as part of the UNCEP pilot exchange program between our universities. We still need to send a student for the exchange to be balanced.
- Study abroad participation levels were increased.

Overall, the Office of International Programs had a challenging (implementation of Banner which rendered many of our processes obsolete, and staff attrition) but successful year.

APPENDICES

Number of Outgoing NCA&T Study Abroad Students



Number of Incoming International Exchange Students

