The Role of the SIO in Building Organizational Capacity for Internationalization

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At your institution…

• Is there a general understanding of international aspirations?

• Do people view these aspirations as congruent with the institutional mission?

• Is your institution structured adequately to address comprehensive internationalization?

• How do processes help/hinder comprehensive internationalization?

• How does organizational culture help/hinder internationalization goals?
The Agenda for Today

• Who is at the table? – Institutional profiles

• Making the case of organizational capacity

Case Studies:
• From establishing priorities for internationalization to aligning the parts (Montana State University)

• From Purpose to Monitoring Progress (University of Evansville)

• Implications and reflections

• Q&A
Who’s at the table?
Emporia State University

- Established in 1863 as the first Teachers College in the State of Kansas.
- Governed by the Kansas Board of Regents
- Master-Comprehensive University with strong focus on teaching
- Located in Emporia, KS – Central in the Flint Hills (Central-East Kansas)
- Enrollment of 6,114 (60% UG and 40% GR)
- 254 full-time faculty members
- 1:18 student/faculty ratio
- About 9% of student population is international – total of 590 students from 59 countries
Montana State University

- Established in 1893 as Montana’s land-grant university
  - Largest university in Montana with four campuses and extension offices across the state
  - 15,421 total students including 710 international students from 72 countries

- Very High Research Activity
  - Largest research and development entity in the state
  - Research expenditures typically exceed $100 million
  - 200 active technology licenses, 87 patents and 14 plant variety certificates

- Located in Bozeman, MT
  - Listed among the top 20 college towns in the U.S.
  - Ranked the #1 Ski Town in North America
  - Close proximity to Yellowstone National Park
University of Evansville

- Private, residential liberal arts-based university in southern Indiana
- Full-time undergraduate enrollment of approximately 2,200
- Diverse student body representing 42 states and 56 countries
- Top 10 master’s-granting university in the Midwest (US News & World Report)
- Traditionally sends approximately 50% of students abroad
- 80 fields of study including accredited professional programs in Engineering, Business, Health Sciences/Public Health and Education
- Harlaxton College, owned and operated by UE for over 45 years with 170 students per semester in an interdisciplinary program
We expect you will take away from this session…

1. A framework that will help you diagnose your institution for building organizational capacity

2. Illustrate with two case studies the applications of building organizational capacity.

3. A collective reflection about lessons learned and implications
What are Organizational Capacities?

The administrative foundation of an institution, which is essential for establishing and sustaining initiatives intended to realize its vision

Toma, 2010

The continually evolving range of capacities, knowledge and resources needed for an organization to be effective.

Connolly & Lukas (2002)

The administrative capacity to fulfill the mission and realize the aspirations of the organization.

Cistone, 2002
Why are they important?

• Building organizational capacity is directly related to strategic management

• It requires “system thinking” – focused on the interrelated nature of complex organizations

• In loosely-coupled organizations, it is a helpful approach for SIO’s to advance comprehensive internationalization.
Framework for Building Organizational Capacity

Purpose

Structure

Governance

Policies

Processes

Information

Infrastructure

Culture

Toma, 2010
Framework for Building Capacity

• **Purpose** – Why are we here and where are we headed?
• **Structure** – How are we configured to do our work?
• **Governance** – Who makes what decisions?
• **Policies** – What rules do we proceed under?
• **Processes** – How do we get things done?
• **Information** – What do we need to inform our decision making?
• **Culture** - What is our essential character?

Toma, 2010
SIO’s areas of intervention for BOC

• Develop institutional routines
• Connect curriculum with international focus
• Expand the consensus and understanding of international aspirations (climate)
• Positioning international priorities
• Expanding institutional resources through partnerships
• Systems-thinking: interaction of the parts involved in internationalization
• Result-focused management
• .....What other areas?
From establishing priorities to aligning the parts

The story of Montana State University
Internationalization Plans

(Childress, 2009, p. 294 & 297)

(Hinton, 2012, p. 28)
First Poll
Mapping Strategic Priorities

Josef Mestenhauser (2006)

International education is a “fragmented, complex, multidimensional, interdisciplinary, intercultural field” (p. 61).
Organizational Network Mapping

Mapping the Many Dimensions of Interpersonal Interactions

Customized survey is developed to evaluate an organizations particular need(s)...

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<td>Work interactions</td>
<td>• With whom do you work to get your job done (exchange information, documents and other resources)?</td>
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<td>Customer knowledge</td>
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...and employees then fill out survey answering how frequently they interact with their coworkers

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Score Card

Observation: Marketing Department is completely disconnected from the Sales Department and Research & Development Departments.
Possible Solutions:
• Hold regular meetings between departments
• Create cross-functional teams

Source: Krebs & Associates.
Strategic Action Plan for International Programs at Montana State University

**Study Abroad and Exchanges Group**
- Objective: Increase participation in study abroad opportunities

**International Students and Scholars Group**
- Objective: Bring the World to Montana State University

**International Curriculum and Research Group**
- Objective: Expand MSU’s Role in Addressing the World’s Greatest Challenges by Supporting International Research and Educating Students to be Internationally Competent within their Academic Discipline

**Global Operations and Systems Group**
- Objective: Implement Systems that Promote International Engagement and Measure the Impact of Strategic Actions

**International Partnerships and Protocol Group**
- Objective: Promote Global Engagement by Establishing and Maintaining Strategic International Partnerships
Internationalization Objective Three: Bring the World to Montana State University

**Affiliated Action Group:** International Students and Scholars

**Strategic Actions for Accomplishing Internationalization Objective Three:**

3.1 Better engage international students and scholars in Montana communities.
3.2 Increase the availability of cultural and social programs for international students and scholars.
3.3 Increase the number of international students and scholars.
3.4 Identify opportunities to attract underrepresented international student groups.
3.5 Increase awareness of immigration regulations impacting international students and scholars.
3.6 Improve MSU’s ability to compete for sponsored students from around the world.
3.7 Increase the number of cultural sharing programs organized by the Office of International Programs (e.g., weekly cultural events).
3.8 Expand outreach to community groups in Bozeman.

**Assessment Metrics:**

1. Develop a series of weekly cross-cultural programs designed to increase interaction between international and domestic groups.
2. Improve MSU’s ranking for international student enrollment in the Institute of International Education’s *Open Doors*.
3. Increase the number of international short-term and exchange students by 10%.
4. Establish a single point of contact for government agencies sponsoring students at MSU.
5. Initiate three new partnerships in Latin America and the Middle East.
6. Increase the number of nations represented by MSU students to 75.
7. Increase the number of international students to 900.
8. Expand community outreach programs to neighboring towns (e.g., Belgrade).
MSU Strategic Goals Supported by Internationalization Objective Three:

- Access: Montana State University is committed to widening access to higher education and ensuring equality of opportunity for all.

MSU Strategic Objectives Supported by Internationalization Objective Three:

A.1 Educate more students while maintaining the quality of programs.
A.2 Diversify the student body

MSU Metrics Supported by Internationalization Objective Three:

A.1.2 By 2019, the number of new transfer enrollments will increase 15 percent to approximately 1,100.
A.1.3 By 2019, the number of students enrolled in graduate programs will increase 20 percent to approximately 2,350.
A.1.7 By 2019, the total student population will increase 15 percent to 16,000.
A.2.3 By 2019, the number of international students enrolled will increase to 660 (a 20 percent increase).
D.1.3 By 2019, MSU will improve its rank among Carnegie Classified Research Universities—Very High Research Activity (RU/VH) institutions on four measures: STEM R&D expenditures (current rank 94); Non-STEM R&D expenditures (rank 92); Number of science and engineering research staff (rank 96); and doctoral conferrals (rank 106).
D.3.2 The graduate student population will increase 20 percent to approximately 2,350 by 2019, with an emphasis on increasing doctoral student enrollment.
D.3.3 By 2019, the number of graduate degrees awarded will increase from 548 to 625 per year. Science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) master’s and doctoral degrees will increase to 325. All doctoral degrees awarded will increase from 56 to 80 per year.

Academic Affairs Strategies and Objectives Supported by Internationalization Objective Three:

E.2.1 Achieve 25% of students with a cross-cultural experience.

“American companies lose an estimated $2 billion a year due to inadequate cross-cultural guidance for their employees in multicultural situations.”

- Committee for Economic Development
International Students and Scholars Action Group

• ACE Language Institute
• Diversity Awareness Office
• Career Services
• Counseling and Psychological Services
• Residence Life
• Student Accounts
• Office of Admission
• Colleges
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From Purpose to Monitoring Progress

The story of University of Evansville
Intentional Internationalization

Mission -> Strategic Plan -> Task Force -> Institutional Restructuring

Assessment & Evaluation <- ISEP <- Strategic Prioritization <- Accreditation QI

Institutional Systematic Evaluation Plan
University’s Core Goals

• To sustain and enrich a curricular and co-curricular experience of exceptional quality and impact
• To expand and enrich the University’s international programs and engagement to achieve national prominence
• To ensure a work environment that honors and values the contributions of all community members and their continuing professional growth
• To attract and retain a study body of high academic achievement and personal aspiration
• To model and teach social responsibility in the local and global community
• To make the world better aware of the distinctive and transformative character of a UE education
• To secure the resources necessary to support the University’s pursuit of excellent
Task Force on International Engagement

- Overarching strategy for the University’s international engagement.
- Student learning outcomes and rationale for global engagement and proposes mechanisms for assessing the achievement of these outcomes.
- Administrative structure of the University in terms of international engagement, programs, policies and development and proposes significant change to create integration of mission, communication, coordination, collaboration and implementation of international initiatives.
- Harlaxton College - protecting, developing and investing in the continued success of this distinctive program.
- International students and diversity - identifies goals for diversity and integration of international students.
- Enhancing the quality and distinctiveness in the study of foreign languages.
University of Evansville Guarantee

- Graduate in four years
- Mentored by committed, full-time faculty
- 100% of freshmen receive a scholarship
- Access to at least one Internship
- Every student has a real opportunity to study abroad
International Strategy Group

- Align University Actions with Mission and Strategic Plan
- Insures Cooperation and Implementation Across Broad Units
- Institutionalize Internationalization at all Levels
Essential Components

• Embed internationalization into University Strategic Plan
• SIO and other international actors must have real access to senior administrators and Board of Trustees
• Connect internationalization and evaluation to accreditation if possible
• Coordination and collaboration is important with centralized university structure and vital with more decentralized system
• Must consistently demonstrate benefits and shared interests with other units and actors
Accreditation and Quality Initiative

- Intersection of Internationalization and Social Responsibility
- Expanding International Partnerships
- Responsible Global Citizenship on an Increasingly Diverse Campus (including general education)
- Developing Model Short-term Study Abroad Experiences
- Focus on Student Learning Outcomes
- Implementation of Assessment Measures
- Bolstering Harlaxton College Programs
Assessment Tools

• Global Perspective Inventory (since Fall 2013)
  - UE students who study abroad (pre & post)
  - Int’l Connection Living-Learning Community
  - Orientation Leaders
  - International and domestic freshmen
    (3-yr cycle interspersed with BCSSE and NSSE)
  - All graduating seniors - three-year cycle
• Harlaxton College Survey (10-year longitudinal)
• Intercultural Development Inventory
• Percentage and Diversity of International Students
• Percentage of Students Studying Abroad
• Sustainability of Abroad Programs
Framework for Building Organizational Capacity

- Culture
- Structure
- Governance
- Purpose
- Policies
- Information
- Processes

Toma, 2010
Second Poll
Implications/Lessons Learned

• Refresh Rate
• Field to Porch
• SIO Positioning
• Believing vs. Knowing vs. Learning
• Systems Thinking

"Culture eats strategy for breakfast."

- Peter Drucker
Implications/Lessons Learned

- Tree vs. the forest
- Access to and buy-in from highest-level administrators and Board of Trustees
- Marry internationalization and evaluation to accreditation where possible
- Coordination and collaboration (centralized vs. decentralized structure)
- Ability to consistently demonstrate benefits and shared interests with other units and actors
- Decline in foreign language instruction and students’ interests
- Sustainability of short-term abroad programs
- Exogenous shocks affecting international student population
References


Questions & Answers