Supporting Students’ Social Visions

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CLS Mission

The Center for Leadership and Service enhances the education of students through meaningful experiences designed to prepare socially responsible individuals to create positive sustainable change.
Social Change Model of Leadership
What is Gator Global Initiative (GGI)?

A social justice conference designed to help students and student organizations make a commitment to creating change locally, nationally, or globally. Students interact with each other and with the speakers to gain a sense of community and inspiration.
GGI Learning Outcomes

- Increased knowledge of social issues
- Increased skills for developing projects and creating sustained change
- Develop a support network of peers and mentors to assist in achievement of one’s commitment
- Hone one’s personal or group commitment
- Inspiration for goal achievement
History of GGI

- 2009
- CGIU
- More beyond a leadership conference
- Projects for Peace
Components of GGI

- Keynotes
- Small Groups
  - Small group facilitators
- Focus Area Panels
- Skill Sessions
- Sharing of Commitments/Now what?
Friday, October 7, 2011
4:30 – 5:00  Registration (Outside L0007 Turlington)
5:00 – 5:30  Welcome and Purpose – Mary Kay Carodine (L0007 Turlington)
Outline of GGI, intended outcomes, and inspiration
What is your purpose?
Icebreakers and Teambuilders
5:30-6:00  Dinner (outside L0007 Turlington)
6:00-7:30  Opening Session – Making a Difference (L0007 Turlington)
Keynote: A Life of Social Change (45 – 60 min.) Anup and Rima Patel
Overview of their work
How they got to where they are
Value of Intercultural Competence
Intercultural Competence (Josh Perry) (20 min)
Focusing Your Life toward Change – Mary Kay Carodine (15 min.)
7:30-8:30  Small group meetings and team builders (L005, L007, L011 Turlington)
8:30-8:45  Wrap-up of Friday and overview of Saturday (L0007 Turlington)

Saturday, October 8, 2011
6:30-7:00  Breakfast (L0007 Turlington)
7:00-7:30  Morning Welcome and review of schedule (L0007 Turlington)
7:30 - 8:30  Needs Assessment (Josh Funderburke) (L0007 Turlington)
8:30-11:00  Focus Area 1 (9:30 – 10:30 Panel, 10:30 – 11:00 Q & A)
Health (L0007 Turlington)
Education (L0005 Turlington)
Human Rights (L0011 Turlington)
11:00-11:15  Break
11:15-12:00  Skills Session 1
Venture Planning (Dr. Bill Ross) (L0005 Turlington)
Making a Statement: writing an elevator speech – Dr. Alison Reynolds (L0011 Turlington)
12:00-12:45  Lunch (outside L0007 Turlington)
12:45-1:10  Small group – hone commitment statements (same location as Friday night)
1:10-1:30  Big group Touchbase (L0007 Turlington)
1:30-3:00  Focus Area 2 (1:30 – 2:30 Panel, 2:30-3:00 Q & A)
Social Entrepreneurship (L0007 Turlington)
Poverty Alleviation/Global Economy & Finance (L0005 Turlington)
Resources (water and food) (L0011 Turlington)
3:00-3:45  Skills Session 2
Teaching Opportunities (L0005 Turlington)
Measurement of Outcomes/Supporting Existing Programs (Patricia Allshouse & Josh Funderburke) (L0011 Turlington)
3:45-4:00  Break and snack (outside L0007 Turlington)
4:00-4:30  Small group – finalize commitments (same location as Friday night)
4:30-5:15  Sharing of Commitments to Action – Mary Kay Carodine (L0007 Turlington)
5:15-5:30  Now what? Next steps and opportunities and Closing – Beth Nahlik (L0007 Turlington)
Results

- Resource sharing
  - Facebook
- CGIU
- Projects for Peace
What Students are Saying

- “Very organized, informative, and inspirational conference that reignited my passion to advocate and make a difference.”
- “Great people and information. I feel inspired especially after the social entrepreneurship session.”
- “I feel really empowered. Great opportunity for networking. I met lots of amazing people.”
- “Being around people as confused as me plus hearing real life success stories - there is hope for me after all.”
Implementation of GGI

- **Beginning steps:**
  - Outcomes
    - Identify issues
  - Collaboration
    - Committee members, location
  - Timeline of events

- **Next steps:**
  - Confirm speakers
  - Marketing/ website

- **Final steps:**
  - Finalize event schedule
    - Food, day of, duties
    - Small group facilitation
Now what?

- Program Intentions
- Format for YOUR campus
- Stakeholders
  - Students to benefit
  - Existing support on campus
Lessons Learned

- Follow-up
  - Facebook
  - Sakai
  - Connecting to CGIU
- Schedule
- Student Involvement
Want to create positive change in the world?

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