



**The Graduate School and
International Education,
Strategic Plan 2012: Second
Annual Update**



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Between November 2013 and
November 2014, we said hello
to...

Dean Nedy



Tia Ade-Salu



Kayla Anderson



Dr. Mark Arnold



Danete Brooks



Cameron Caja



Amanda Cantu



Nick Daehn



Thomas Fisher



Joe Green



Mark Larmoyeux



Brian Poepsel



Julie Rogers



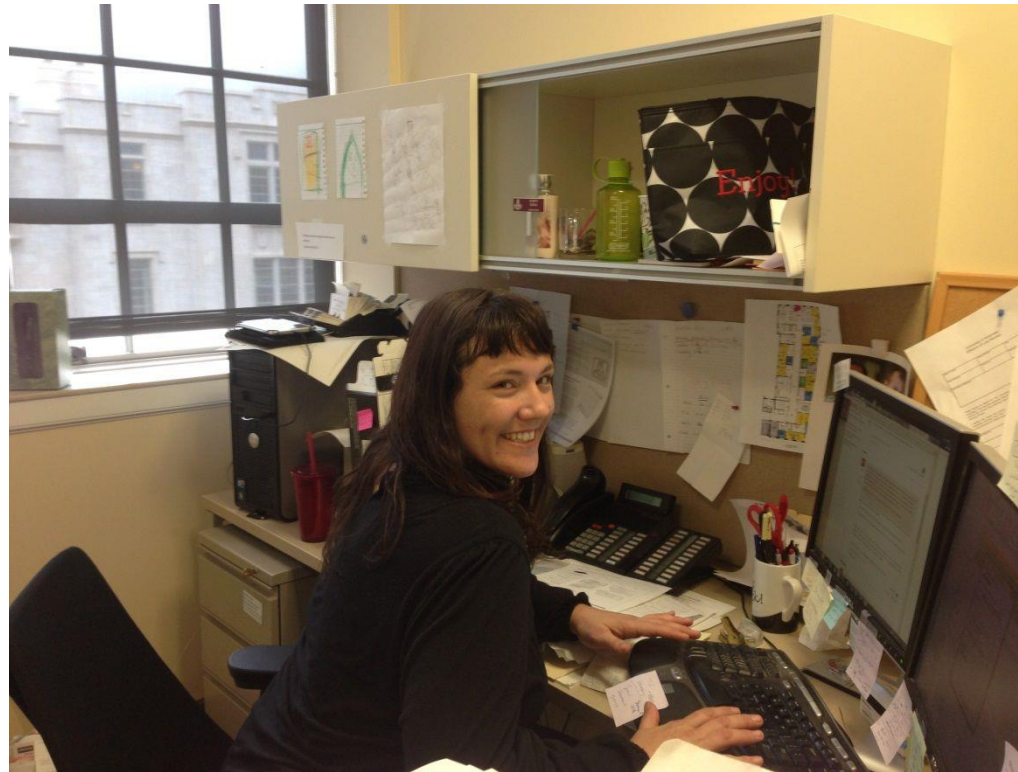
Steven Sevic



Jay Weaver



Jerusha White



Dr. Rick Wise



And we said goodbye to...

- Kinsey Dickey
- Camille Ferguson
- Thomas Krone
- Jessica Luhn
- Sarah Malloy
- Meredith McKee
- Shani Farr Newton



And to:

- Chelsea Prince-Redman
- Renee Rose
- Todd Shields
- Jessi Shoemaker
- Joni Teddleton
- Ken Vickers
- Bill Warnock



VISION



- The Graduate School and International Education assists the University of Arkansas in excelling at research, teaching, training, and service while fostering student and scholar success and enhancing the overall student academic experience.

MISSION

- The Graduate School and International Education supports the strategic goals of the University of Arkansas to continue as a very high research university; recruits, retains and graduates high-caliber students; advocates for students and student success; facilitates intercultural and international experiences to increase global competencies; and assists in the development of international, interdisciplinary, and graduate programs.



Goal One

- *Advance the visibility and reputation of the University of Arkansas within the nation and around the world and promote the UA as a destination of choice for students and scholars.*
- Yassaman Mirdamadi presented “Test Security: Informed and Respectful Islamic Cultural Traditions” at the 2014 National College Testing Association Conference
- Dr. Mirdamadi served as a member of the National College Testing Association Governing Council

Goal One (continued)

- The Office of Testing Services was recognized for Excellence in Test Security by Pearson VUE. During 2013-14, the office tested approximately 12,000 students, prospective students and community members.



Goal One (continued)

- The University of Arkansas welcomed 59 PAPSS scholars to campus in January and June 2014. The total number of scholars in summer 2014 was 91.
- The U of A enrolled an all-time record of 1,525 international students in the fall 2014 semester, a 10% increase from fall 2013
- In Fall 2014, we saw a total of 377 enrolled sponsored students, representing 42 countries; this compares to 233 enrolled sponsored students in Fall 2013.
- There are 52 Distinguished Doctoral Fellows, 184 Doctoral Academy Fellows and 8 SREB-State Doctoral Fellows.
- Fall graduate enrollment was 4,022, up by 2.03% from Fall 2013



Goal Two

- *Initiate and maintain strong connections with, and advocate for, graduate, international, and study abroad students and scholars from the time of initial inquiry through post graduation.*
- The iFriend program facilitated 11 events during the Fall 2013 and Spring 2014 semesters with a total of 1,296 participants.
- 197 students made presentations as part of the International Culture Team
- 350 students attended the New Graduate Student Orientation
- The Graduate Student Congress became official in Fall 2014

Goal Two (continued)

- We held the annual Graduate Student Picnic so students could meet other students and their families
- We made great progress in implementing the software, Sunapsis
- We submitted several news articles about students, faculty and staff



Goal Three

- *Actively seek to promote and strengthen strategic relationships with partner institutions, academic units, university departments and the community.*
- 165 international students were matched to 114 families and individuals from the Northwest Arkansas region in the Friendship Family Program
- We rolled out the new on-line Letter of Recommendation software

Goal Three (continued)

- We resurrected the Faculty Advisory Board and added new members
- We developed materials for the capital campaign, including Points of Pride and interdisciplinary program fact sheets
- We increased our external (and internal) promotion of our accomplishments
- We opened up DDF nominations for the spring semester
- The Teaching Assistant Effectiveness Advisory Committee began meeting again
- We hired an IT director to coordinate our technical infrastructure/web development
- Dean Needy formed a development committee (with the Vice Provost for Research and Economic Development) and created a plan for annual giving

Goal Four

- *Serve as the central unit for tracking and providing risk assessment for international education mobility.*
- The Terra Dotta Study Abroad management tool is allowing us to better track student and faculty international travel
- A position in Study Abroad was created to manage risk
- ISS worked with the University to assess and minimize the risk associated with Ebola, Mers, polio, etc.

Goal Five

- *Facilitate the development and management of innovative and educational graduate, international, and interdisciplinary programs.*
- The interdisciplinary M.S. degree in Statistics and Analytics was offered for the first time in Fall 2014 with Dr. Mark Arnold as the director; 9 students are enrolled in the program
- Dr. Valerie Hunt became a tenure-track Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science
- Professor Ken Vickers retired and was replaced with Dr. Rick Wise
- Fall 2014 enrollment in interdisciplinary graduate programs was 247, a 7.9% increase over Fall 2013

Goal Six

- *Increase the quantity and diversity of qualified international and graduate applications;*



Goal Six (continued)

- *Increase the percentage of graduate students to 20% of the total student headcount enrollment by 2020;*
- In Fall 2014, graduate students represented 15.33% of the University census, down from 15.56% the previous year
- This was despite an increase in graduate enrollment of 2.03% (80 students).
- We are the second lowest in the SEC.

Goal Six (continued)

- *Increase the percentage of international graduate students to 20% of the total graduate student headcount by 2020;*
- In Fall 2014, there are 296 international master's students and 410 international doctoral students.
- This represents 11.8% of the master's enrollment and 31.8% of the doctoral students
- Counting all international graduate students (master's, doctoral, graduate certificate- 5 - and nondegree - 3), the percentage is 17.8%

Goal Six (continued)

- *Increase the percentage of international students to 10% of the total headcount enrollment by 2020, with at least 200 international first-time, full-time freshmen;*
- In Fall 2014, graduate and undergraduate international enrollment is 1,524 students or 5.8% of the total University headcount
- There are 121 international freshmen.

Goal Six (continued)

- *Increase the number of sponsored students to 20% of the international headcount enrollment by 2020;*
- *Increase the number of enrolled visiting students to 125 each semester.*
- The 377 enrolled sponsored students in Fall 2014 represent 24.7% of the international headcount.
- There are 182 enrolled visiting students in Fall 2014.

Goal Six (continued)

- *Maintain an average of 120 countries represented in the international student population and strengthen the enrollment from countries with less than 10 students on campus;*
- Fall 2014: 113 countries represented by students
- 2013-14: 46 countries represented by scholars

Goal Six (continued)

- *Increase the participation rate of graduating seniors completing a significant international experience to 25% by 2020;*
- 800 students completed a study abroad experience in fall 2013, spring, intersession and summer 2014 (compared to 733 the year before)
- There were 48 countries visited
- The undergraduate students represent 13% of the 5,929 seniors enrolled in Fall 2013

Goal Six (continued)

- *Increase the number of outbound UA students enrolling in reciprocal exchange programs to 15% of the total study abroad population per year by 2020.*
- 45 students were enrolled in reciprocal exchange programs in 2013-14
- The number of UA students enrolling in reciprocal exchange programs has increased by more than 40% in the last two years, but the growth in over-all study abroad has made this goal more difficult to meet

And for the future:

- Dean Needy is working with the Provost to add GA lines and increase GA stipend levels
- We will hire an Associate Dean for International Education
- Hobson's
- Development, development, development
- We have a balanced budget!



Happy Thanksgiving!

