Call for Nominations – President’s Council on Internationalization & Global Engagement

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INTRODUCTION

We are pleased to share that over the next nine months, York University will work towards developing a fully integrated institutional level strategic plan for internationalization and global engagement. Through the new I3SP, the University will look to implement the objectives set out for internationalization and global engagement in the University Academic Plan. Through the development of an institutional plan, York University has an opportunity to build on its strengths, create a distinct vision, and expand opportunities for students, faculty, and staff to contribute towards local and global impact.

CONTEXT

York University's vision as a community engaged university committed to the social, economic, environmental, cultural and other well-being of society reflects our understanding of the interconnection of global and local issues. York's global reach and engagement of our faculty, staff, students, alumni and partners is wide ranging, including international academic and research collaborations, centres in India, and Costa Rica, international students from 178 countries, and global learning opportunities including exchange, internships and study abroad courses for students as well as alumni in more than 40 countries. This commitment to global engagement is reaffirmed and referenced in key planning documents (Provostial White Paper, 2010; University Academic Plan 2015-20; and the Institutional Integrated Resource Plan).

PROCESS

The I3SP will be developed through a consultation process to inform a framework and strategy that will facilitate and coordinate efforts across the University. To this end, we are establishing a President's Council to serve as an advisory body to the President, comprised of representatives from across the University community who will provide input into the consultation process as well as the plan itself. This Council will be chaired by Prof. Lisa Philipps, Provost and Vice President, Academic.

The plan is meant to be comprehensive in terms of students (recruitment, international student experience), academic initiatives including international learning experiences (at home and abroad), research and education partnerships, alumni engagement, and related activities and innovation magnifying our impact many times over. The plan is intended to lay out York’s vision for building on its global engagement, goals for further internationalization, and ensure York's place as a locally and globally engaged university. In addition, the plan is intended to identify areas of priority for implementation to support the advancement of the international strategy.
It is expected that the plan will go to Senate for approval and Board of Governors for information in the Fall of 2019.

The development of the I3SP will be supported by key foundational pieces of work that will engage the York University Community:

   - A small working group (IWG) will be established to gather evidence and develop the issue paper. The working group will be convened by the Chair of the President’s Council.
   - This stage will consist of: developing an inventory of existing engagement and collaborations, collecting data, identifying strategic issues facing the University as it relates to internationalization, conducting an environmental scan of external opportunities and factors, and reviewing provincial and national strategies on internationalization as well as peer institutions.
   - A draft consultation framework will be developed including questions to guide the consultation process (will be brought to the President’s Council for review and input).

2. **Consultations (Mid February – April 2019)**
   - This stage will provide forums to engage the broader University community for their input, ideas, and recommendations.

3. **Draft Plan for review by various constituencies (Mid May - June 2019)**

4. **Presentation to Senate and Board of Governors (October 2019)**

**PRESIDENT’S COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP**
- Provost and Vice President, Academic (Chair)
- Faculty representatives (11)
- Students (4 Undergraduate, Graduate, including international students, YFS & YUGSA representatives)
- Administrative Units (Research, Advancement, Students)
- Secretariat support by York International

**MEETINGS**

The President’s Council on Internationalization and Global Engagement will begin meeting in February 2019. The work of the President’s Council is intended to last approximately nine months. Nominations and expressions of interest to serve on the President’s Council should be submitted to the Office of the Vice-President Academic & Provost at provost@yorku.ca by January 16, 2019. Please include a brief statement on the experience and knowledge you bring to the committee.

Questions about the President’s Council or the process should be directed to Vinitha Gengatharan, Executive Director, York International at vinitha@yorku.ca.