Georgia International Leadership Conference

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Session Outline

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- What is GILC?
- Conference Goals
- What makes GILC unique?
- Challenges/Benefits
- GILC planning for 2016-2017
- Merger discussion activity
- Where we need your help
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What is GILC?

- History
 - Began in 2000 and hosted in Americus, GA
 - Originally received a grant/funding from NAFSA, GAIE, and USG
 - Statistics: 91 students attended. 80 international and 11 study abroad (48 countries)
 - Cost was \$35 per student due to grant (\$80 actual cost)
 - Service project with Habitat for Humanity International

Conference Goals

- Enhance leadership skills
- Promote friendships & networks
- Recognize/reward int'l student leaders
- Challenge students in their concept of selves as global leaders
- Recognize the differing styles of leadership across cultures
- Have fun!

What makes GILC unique?

- Theory to practice: integration of domestic and international students
- Meet the need for alternative leadership training
- Avoid cookie-cutter American leadership models
- Flexibility in program format
- Diversity
- Engaging experience

Conference Benefits

- Students
 - Networking 200 students from 20 schools
 - Challenged to collaborate and learn
 - Opportunities to present
 - Opportunities to create change
- Staff
 - Build professional conference planning
 - Network and collaborate with colleagues across the state
 - Develop programming skills
 - Support international education

Conference Challenges

- Students
 - Housing
 - Transportation
 - Food
 - Clarity on presentations
 - Tangible results
- Staff
 - Lack of resources funding, time
 - Lack of institutional support
 - Transitional issues
 - Lack of oversight

GILC Planning for 2016-2017

- Date, location, and Cost
 - February 17 to 19, 2017 @ Rock Eagle, Eatonton, GA
 - \$90 by check; \$95 by online payment
- Schedule Overview
 - Day 1: Service Project, Dinner, Guest Speaker, Ice Breakers, Fun activities
 - Day 2: Group Plenary, Group Activity, Student Presentations, Guest Performance, Fun activities
 - Day 3: Group Plenary/Campus Action

GILC Planning for 2016-2017

- Program Impact
 - Expand campus action plan
 - Keynote speaker
 - Cultural simulations/activities
- Organizational Structure
 - 501-C3 status
 - Registration
 - Website
 - Banking
- Committee Development
 - Advisor buy-in

Merger Discussion

- What are the benefits?
- What are the challenges?
- Other things to consider?

Where we need you!

- Positions
 - Registrar, Treasurer, Session Coordinator, Peer Leader, Cultural Simulation Coordinator, Service Project Coordinator, Web/Marketing
- Smaller tasks
- Committing to helping their institution get involved with GILC
- Expectations for advisors sending students to GILC

Closing Q&A