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TnCIS 2024: Sustainability & International Education

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TNCIS 2024

OUR VISION

TnCIS is committing to a three-year plan to align our education abroad programs and practices with sustainable development goals. Through this plan, our continued efforts to provide an international dimension to higher education in Tennessee will strive to model and teach global respect that enriches the planet as well.

FOCUS AREAS

1

TNCIS STAFF

Identify opportunities for sustainable development to enhance staff skills and improve professional work environment.

2

OPERATIONS

Audit international education operational practices for opportunities to align with sustainable development and communicate improvements via the TnCIS website, social media, and user portals.

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EDUCATION ABROAD PROGRAMS

Enhance student programming using sustainable development as a guide for academic planning, faculty training, student activities, and orientations.

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & CULTURAL EVENTS

Prepare education abroad professionals to understand and utilize sustainable development and offer cultural events that support it.

TNCIS 2024

YEAR 1: 2021-22

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TNCIS STAFF

- Administrative staff reduce commute/travel by 25%
- Provide training in sustainability to all TnCIS staff

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OPERATIONS

- Reduce paper usage; non-legal paperwork will become digital
- Integrate sustainable development goals in the orientation session for new international students
- Evaluate other internal operations to determine alignment with sustainable development
- Provide vision statement on TnCIS Website

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EDUCATION ABROAD PROGRAMS

- Orientations will pivot to virtual settings
- Provide training in sustainability to TnCIS Program Directors
- Evaluate each consortium model program for alignment with sustainable development goals
- Develop a Global Respect Pledge for students
- Hold an open forum for TnCIS member institutions

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & CULTURAL EVENTS

- Annual TnCIS conference will carry a sustainability theme and be held virtually

TNCIS 2024

YEAR 2: 2022-23

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TNCIS STAFF

- Staff is fully knowledgeable regarding sustainability
- Identify any support staff that can reduce their commute/travel
- Evaluate on-site travel and activities for international student recruiting to align with sustainable development goals

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OPERATIONS

- Implement suggested findings from year one review
- Fully developed information on TnCIS website

3

EDUCATION ABROAD PROGRAMS

- Require all faculty applying to teach with TnCIS to include a renewable assignment in course
- Identify sustainable development goals that are already incorporated into existing TnCIS Consortium Model programs
- Identify sustainable development goals that could be incorporated into existing TnCIS Consortium Model programs
- Evaluate each Partnership Model program for alignment with sustainable development

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & CULTURAL EVENTS

- Develop a professional development program in location where sustainable development can be studied and observed by appropriate participants
- Seek out grant or scholarship funding for a student project regarding sustainability from an international student perspective
- Center international student involvement and campus activities around sustainable development

TNCIS 2024

YEAR 3: 2023-24

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1 TNCIS STAFF

- Staff has maximized remote working when appropriate

2 OPERATIONS

- Continue to evaluate and align with sustainable development goals

3 EDUCATION ABROAD PROGRAMS

- All new program proposals must include sustainable development goals
- Consortium Model faculty applicants must identify relevant sustainable development goals in course proposal
- Consortium Model programs have fully incorporated appropriate sustainable development goals
- Identify sustainable development goals that are already incorporated into existing TnCIS Partnership Model programs
- Identify any sustainable development goals that could be incorporated into existing TnCIS Partnership Model programs.

4 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & CULTURAL EVENTS

- Implement any grant funded programs
- Provide cultural events to member institutions that support and enhance sustainable development
- Provide continued professional development training