FLC: TEACHING AND LEARNING ABROAD

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GOALS OF THE FLC: TEACHING AND LEARNING ABROAD

❖ Develop and disseminate pedagogical and practical resources for study abroad program leaders and others engaged in global and intercultural teaching and learning

❖ Focus on learning abroad experiences holistically both in terms of the “before, during, and after” aspects of programs and in terms of student learning in the cognitive, emotional and behavioral domains

❖ Link learning abroad to domestic intercultural experiences

❖ Link learning abroad to Liberal Learning goals and Global Competencies

❖ Link learning abroad to student development models

❖ Dispel misperceptions about study abroad among faculty

2009-10 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

• MSU Academic Adviser in-service workshop: Toward Education Abroad: Connecting Study Abroad to Liberal Learning (Fall 2009)

• Participation in a NAFSA: Association of International Educators webinar on “Diversity in Study Abroad” (Fall 2009)

• Unpacking study abroad experiences training for FLC members (presented by Dr. Linda Gross, Career Services network) (Spring 2010)

• New pre-departure program: A Day in the Life: Spartans Abroad (in collaboration with the Office for Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives’ Transforming Theatre Ensemble (Spring 2010)

2010-II PROPOSED PROJECTS

• Study abroad program leader toolkit (web-based)

• International internships pre-departure preparation and return reflection/debriefing programming

• Expand and differentiate “Unpacking study abroad” for interested colleges (train-the-trainers, pre-packing, unpacking)

• Develop faculty mentoring network for new program leaders

• Develop a structure/process for encouraging contact and exchange between international students and returned/outbound study abroad students

• MSU Academic Adviser in-service workshop: Student Development and Study Abroad (Fall 2010)

Actors from the Transforming Theatre Ensemble (TTE) begin their performance for students who will be studying abroad this summer.