Summary of Student Focus Group in Response to GE Campus Forum

Study Abroad Student Interns, September 13, 2019

*Summary verified by student participant Jenna Reed (Asian Studies)*

Student majors represented (and study abroad countries):
- Animal Science, Pre-Veterinarian (Costa Rica)
- Anthropology (Thailand)
- Art History and Asian Studies (Japan)
- Asian Studies (Japan)
- Graphic Design (Germany)
- International Relations (France)
- Kinesiology (Spain)
- Liberal Studies (Italy)
- Media Arts (UK and Australia)
- Political Science, International Relations, and Spanish (Spain)
- Social Work (Australia)

Overall thoughts about Pathway/GE Minor Names:
- Unanimous preference for names that use precise language and give a clear idea of the theme of the Pathway.
- Majority (no vote) worry about names that evoke a strong reaction (e.g. Social Justice), and recommend that “polarizing” names be avoided.
- Most of the discussion focused on International Studies and Global Development Studies.
  - A majority (8-3) for merging International Studies and Global Development Studies.
  - A majority (10-0-1 abstain) and for renaming combination as “Global Engagement.”
  - A majority (10-0-1) prefer the term “global” to “international.”
  - A majority (10-0-1) believe that a Global Engagement GE Minor should include an equal number of courses that focus on developing and developed countries.

Preference for Pathway/GE Minor Names from Campus Forum:
- Cultural Studies
- Food Studies (proposed Nutrition)
- Great Books & Ideas (proposed Literature & Ideas)
- History, Literature, & Innovation

Preference for Pathway Combinations from GE Forum:
- INT and GDS (proposed Global Engagement)

Dislike of Pathway/GE Minor Names from Campus Forum:
- California Studies
- Data Analytics
- Ethics, Justice, and Policy
- International Development Studies (Housing residents’ proposal)
- Resilience & Food
- Sustainable Development