

Brazil Encounter /Tuesday, November 7, 2006

9:00 - Registration/Coffee and Tea

9:30 - Welcome/Introductions/Overview

Kim Wilcox, Provost, and Jeffrey Riedinger, Acting Dean of International Studies and Programs

-Where Are We Going in Brazil?
Presentation/Discussion

10:30 - Break

10:45 - Making a Difference (group breakouts by theme)

Discussion Questions:

-What are the *top three to five things* that MSU should be doing in regards to this theme/area of concern in Brazil over the next five to ten years?

-Looking back in five to ten years, how would we know that we had been successful? (Are there *measurables/metrics* that might be useful?)

Theme Areas:

- Bio-economy and Development
- Cultural Hybridizations: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Ethnicity, Race, Class, Gender, Age, Language, Literature and Nation in Brazil
- Environment, Technology and People
- Political Economy, Commerce and Global Relations
- Health, Education and Social Disparities
- Institutional Planning and Support for: (1) Working with Alumni from Brazil, (2) Improving the On-Campus Experience for Brazilian Students, (3) MSU Student Travel and Study in Brazil, and (4) Cultural Exchange and Understanding in Our Community

11:45 - Report Out/Discussion

12:30 - Lunch

1:00 - Moving toward Action (Return to your theme group or jump to a new group if you think you can make a better contribution there.)

Discussion Questions:

-What *factors* can help explain the gap between where we are today and where we want to be on the issues discussed in Making a Difference?

-What *barriers/challenges* exist for MSU in acting on the opportunities in the theme area?

-What *advice* do you have for MSU concerning addressing the challenges and barriers to success as we move forward on the Brazil initiative?

1:45 - Report Out/Discussion

2:15 - Next Steps/Evaluation

Jeffrey Riedinger, Acting Dean of International Studies and Programs; Peter Beattie, Acting Director of the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Peter Beattie; and John Beck, Facilitator

3:00 - Adjourn

This material was generated from Global Encounter-Brazil <<http://www.isp.msu.edu/globalencounter/brazil>>, held at Michigan State University on November 7, 2006. This interactive and participatory event was designed to obtain input and to elaborate in a country-specific forum on relevant themes, opportunities, issues, and opportunities affecting MSU's current and future engagement in Brazil (and to some degree Lusophone countries).