

Global Encounter-Brazil: Moving Toward Action

Political Economy, Commerce, and Global Relations

Individual Written Responses to Questions Related to the Topic

Procedure used to generate this document:

This document represents the summary of responses individuals wrote to questions related to their self-selected area of interest/expertise within six topic areas (Bio-economy and Development; Cultural Hybridizations; Environment, Technology, and People; Global Relations; Health, Education, and Social Disparities; Institutional Planning and Support and Political Economy, Commerce). All responses received are included and are typed verbatim with some explanation of acronyms. There is no significance in the ordering of the topics or comments as presented in this report.

A. What *factors* can help explain the gap between where we are today and where we want to be on the items discussed earlier within this theme area?

1. ●I can think of two:
 - Lack of student interest/uninformed students who are not aware of the opportunities
 - Lack of interest in the "front office."

2. ●Money
 - Time
 - Activities
 - Share information
 - Paternalism

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

1. ●Lack of student interest/uninformed students who are not aware of the opportunities
 - Lack of interest in the "front office"

2. ****NO RESPONSE****

C. What *advice* do you have for MSU concerning addressing the challenges and barriers to success as we move forward on the Brazil initiative (related to this theme as well, in general)?

1.
 - This is difficult because it is a “what came first, the chicken or the egg” question. What comes first: student interest and involvement or active people in the Administration Building pushing Brazil?
 - I think the powers that be, need to be as active in pushing Brazil/Latin America as it is in pushing Africa. MSU can do a lot of good things in both regions.
2. ****NO RESPONSE****

D. Do you want to be contacted for meetings/work on this theme and Brazil in the future (and for other themes listed at the top of the previous page or in other Lusophone countries)?

1.
 - Politics
 - Economy
 - Global Relations
 - Brazil
 - Portugal
2. ● Yes (No themes listed)

E. Additional comments:

1. ****NO RESPONSE****
2. ****NO RESPONSE****

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