

UNO Agenda and Itinerary for Afghanistan Trip April 2016
Kabul University and Balkh University Communications Programs

Tentative Schedule in Afghanistan

Arrive 6:30 am Saturday 4/23/16

- Check in to Hotel Q near airport – refresh and breakfast until 10:00am
- 10:30am Kabul University faculty meeting including UNO team and USWDP representative
 - Formal introductions, meet and greet
 - Tour of facilities
 - Explanation of agenda for the site visit and seek their input
 - Q and A
- 7:00 pm Opening Dinner at Intercontinental Hotel (4 UNO Team, Anwari, 4 communication faculty, dean, department chair, KU Vice Chancellor, USWDP representatives)

Sunday 4/24/16 and Monday 4/25/16 (Monday -Till 3:00 pm in Kabul)

- Kabul University Needs Assessment
 - Learning outcomes
 - Curriculum
 - Goals of communication program and faculty
 - Meet with dean – mission of communication program and resources
 - Set dates for Delhi, India, learning collaborative and begin sketching out a model for that event
 - Establish how we will keep in touch during the life of the grant and beyond (Skype, Facebook, etc.)
 - Selection of faculty to visit U.S. and set dates

Monday 4/25/2016

- Morning meetings will be held with KU faculty if necessary.
- Afternoon: Fly to Mazar-e-Sharif (arrival: evening in Mazar). Mr. Anwari will already be there before the group arrives at Mazar airport. UNO team will stay at Burj Ghazanfar Hotel.

Tuesday 4/26/16 (whole day) in Mazar

- Meetings at Balkh University
 - Formal introductions, meet and greet
 - Tour of facilities
 - Explanation of agenda for the site visit and seek their input
 - Q and A
- Opening Dinner at Burj Ghazanfar Hotel in Mazar (invitations to be set by Anwari)

Wednesday 4/27/16

- Afghan holiday. UNO Team will meet in Mazar and start synthesizing information for report. If possible, meetings can/will be set with BU faculty potential Master's degree candidates.

Thursday 4/28/16

- Meetings at Balkh University
 - Learning outcomes
 - Curriculum
 - Goals of communication program and faculty
 - Meet with dean – mission of communication program and resources
 - Set dates for Delhi, India, learning collaborative and begin sketching out a model for that event
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 - Selection of faculty to visit U.S. and set dates
 - Meet with potential Master's degree candidates

Friday 4/29/16

- Fly back to Kabul in the morning
- UNO Team drafts report for Balkh University

Saturday 5/30/16

- Kabul University Needs Assessment- to be continued (meetings to be set by Anwari)

Sunday 5/1/16

- Depart Kabul 6:00pm
- Arrive back in Omaha 1:10pm Monday 5/2/16

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Goal of the Needs Assessment

Listen to our Afghan colleagues and learn their goals for 1) the outcomes of this grant and 2) the new communication programs in Balkh and Kabul. They will have some ideas about goals and outcomes. We can facilitate them by presenting them with common learning outcomes of U.S. communication studies programs that they can adapt, with or without our help, to Afghanistan's cultural, societal, educational and business needs.

We can then begin working toward creating agendas and itineraries for Afghan faculty visits to the U.S., for future visits of U.S. faculty to Afghanistan (and perhaps setting tentative dates), and the two-week collaborative meeting in Delhi, India.

Following the submission of the needs assessment, we will have a better idea of how to adapt the timeline for the rest of the grant period. UNO will spend the summer completing the timeline in consultation with KU and BU. UNO faculty will be chosen for participation in the India portion of the program, and preparation will begin when classes start in Fall 2016.

Activities for the Project

Based on the FHI360 application + enhanced by ideas from our Needs Assessment in April 2016.

See National Communication Association "What Will a Communication Major Understand, Know, and Be Able to Do After Graduation?" as a baseline for ideas for the needs assessment.

Also, see ideas previously generated by UNO Team: *POSSIBLE QUESTIONS TO ASK*
(Please see <http://www.unomaha.edu/academic-program-assessment-and-review/docs/program-review-guide.pdf> for additional ideas on questions)

- 1. Educational Offerings.** Do the courses offered (a) meet the standards of Communication field and (b) prepare students for careers?
- 2. Students.** Do students have the opportunity to work with faculty on scholarly work, creative work, and applied activities?
- 3. Faculty.** How does the faculty contribute to teaching, research and advising? Does the program ensure that faculty are appropriately qualified and have opportunities for professional development?
- 4. Ethics.** Does the program operate with integrity, academic honesty and fair treatment of all? What tools are in place to ensure that the program operates ethically?
- 5. Measurement.** Does the program effectively measure student outcomes and use those measures to improve its own performance?
- 6. Resources.** Does the program strategically and effectively use its resources?

FINAL WORK PRODUCTS FROM NEEDS ASSESSMENT

- A. PowerPoint presentation for Report from both KU and BU while still in Afghanistan.
- B. Identify which (1) faculty will come over to UNO to visit; and (2) faculty that will come to UNO for 2-year Masters in Communication.
- C. Schedule and Learning Goals for the 4-week faculty visit in Fall 2016, Spring 2017, and Fall 2017.
- D. Schedule and Learning Goals for the 10-day Workshop in Delhi, India.
- E. 2 Year Work Plan (Quarterly break-down) – starting point for this is what we proposed in application + integrate the feedback we get from the meetings in Kabul and Mazar especially including "What do they want from this project?"