

Communication Studies Training Seminar in New Delhi, India

Training Dates: December 28-January 7, 2017

Location: New Delhi, India

Partnership Objective:

This academic capacity building programs/visit is part of the partnership between Kabul and Balkh Universities and the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO). Through this partnership, the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO), as U.S. partner institution, will assist both Kabul and Balkh University in establishing a new Departments of Communication Studies.

Communication Studies degree is not only a unique full degree program in Afghanistan abut also in the region since no other higher education institution offers a full undergraduate degree program in Communication Studies that focuses on relationship between human beings, be they professional, cultural or interpersonal. This department will be housed in Kabul University's College (faculty) of Languages and Literature and Balkh University's College (faculty) of Journalism and Mass Communication.



New Delhi Intervention Purpose:

The purpose of this academic training in New Delhi was to assist Kabul and Balkh University faculty start the initial academic and administrative programs and activities required to establish the department of Communication Studies at their respective universities. The agenda for this training included:

- Discussions about policy document
- Curriculum development
- Syllabus development
- Discussion about learning material
- Professional faculty development
- Discussion of Afghan careers and needs/what do Afghan students need
- Teaching methodology
- Gender awareness
- And classroom management



UNO team members offered power point presentations and lead discussions concerning the topics mentioned above.

As planned, 14 faculty members from Kabul and Balkh Universities attended this training program. Five UNO team members who traveled to India conducted the training. The program was conducted at Jamia Millia Islamia University in New Delhi, India.



This seminar was very successful. The faculty of Kabul and Balkh University attended 12 days of seminars covering a wide array of material. Afghan and American faculty who attended the seminars were able to learn a lot from each other. It was a great learning and team building opportunity for the attendees. The feedback received was that this seminar was very helpful to the attendees and they appreciated the time spend together.



UNO, Kabul and Balkh Universities will jointly design further activities to build on these achievements.



Week 1						
Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
December 27, 2016 Afghan and U.S teams arrive in New Delhi, India	December 28, 2016 9:30 Getting acquainted and organized Opening comments Setting Goals for conference 10:15 Discussion of policy documents and align with BU and KU goals (2.1C) Chris 12:30 PM Lunch/Prayer time 1:30 Discussion of Afghan careers and needs Discussion and report 2:30 Discussion of KU/BU learning outcomes Chris Facilitates 3:15 Break 3:30 Activity/ What do Afghanistan students need discussion Small Groups 4:30 Report out 6:00 End	December 29, 2016 9:00 – Teaching as a Communication Process Chris 10: 30 Break 10:45 Activity – How do your students learn? Fitting these into Afghanistan student culture Faculty facilitates 12:30 PM Lunch/Prayer time 1:30 Increasing Classroom Affect Through Teaching Communication Styles ??? 3:30 Break 4:00 FHI/USWDP Q and A Chris and Jessica 5:00 End Cam and Abbie depart	December 30, 2016 9:00 Traditional Mastery and Learning Styles Ana 11:00 Break 11:15 Discussion and questions All 12:30 PM Lunch/Prayer time 1:30 Writing a good syllabus Chris 3:30 Break 3:45 Professional development needs breakout session (2.2R) UNO faculty facilitates 5: 00 End Cam and Abbie arrive	December 31, 2016 Free Day	January 1, 2017 9:00 Introduction to Communication/ Perspectives in Communication Abbie 11:00 Break 11:00 Break 11:15 Questions and Discussion 12:30 PM Lunch/Prayer time 1:30 Fundamentals of Public Speaking Cam 3:30 Break 3:45 Questions and Discussion 5:00 End	2 9:00 Interpersonal Communication Ana 11:00 Break 11:15 Questions and discussion 12:30 PM Lunch/Prayer time 1:30 Argumentation and Debate Abbie 3:30 Break 3:45 Questions and Discussion 4:30 Wrap up, planning for second half Chris 5:00 End

Week 2						
Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
<p>3</p> <p>9:00 Fundamentals of communication study theory Ana</p> <p>12:30 PM Lunch/Prayer time</p> <p>1:30 Business Communication Cam</p> <p>3:30 Break</p> <p>3:45 Title IX Discussion 4.3 Discussion/Chris facilitate</p> <p>5:30 End</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:00 Student-Centered Research agendas and opportunities 2.2G Chris and Abbie</p> <p>10:00 Break</p> <p>11:00</p> <p>12:03 PM Lunch/Prayer time</p> <p>1:30 Intercultural Communication Ana</p> <p>3:30 Break</p> <p>3:45 Student Evaluation systems used at UNO Chris</p> <p>5:00 End</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:00 Creating Great PowerPoints Chris (others)?</p> <p>10:30 Break</p> <p>10:15 Afghan requested content</p> <p>12:30 PM Lunch/Prayer time</p> <p>1:30 Small Group and Leadership Abbie</p> <p>3:30 Break</p> <p>3:45</p> <p>5:30 End</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:00 Discussion of Afghanistan assessment abilities (3.2B)</p> <p>10:30 Break</p> <p>12:30 PM Lunch/Prayer time</p> <p>1:30 Conflict Mediation Patrick</p> <p>3:30 Break</p> <p>3:45 Discussion and questions</p> <p>5:00 End</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:00 What do you do with a communication degree? Faculty</p> <p>12:00 PM</p> <p>UNO Team departs for Omaha</p>	<p>8</p> <p>UNO Team arrives Omaha</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Classes start at UNO</p>