

Leading for Change: Diversity Conference at BSU on June 11, 2014

Our Unique Stories in Our Voices: International Educators Speak!

Dear colleagues,

If you were unable to attend our session, here are the questions that were utilized for the small group discussions. We suggest that you engage in a conversation with international educators on your campus. Ask them if they would share their stories with you.

Questions for small group exercise:

1. Discuss a challenge you have or had at work.
2. Talk about an “ah ha” moment related to diversity that you may have had.
3. What are the most pressing diversity issues on your campus? How are they (or not) being addressed?
4. How has your personal journey inspired you to be an effective advocate for diversity?
5. What areas of collaboration exist on campus that could support your personal and professional growth?

Here are some free access materials on the topic that may be of use:

Hanassab, Shideh. Diversity, International Students, and Perceived Discrimination: Implications for Educators and Counselors. Available

at <http://jsi.sagepub.com/content/10/2/157.full.pdf+html>

Elliott, Craig M. et al. Institutional Barriers to Diversity Change Work in Higher Education.

Available at <http://sgo.sagepub.com/content/3/2/2158244013489686.abstract>

[Leask](#), Betty. Using Formal and Informal Curricula to Improve Interactions Between Home and International Students. Available at <http://jsi.sagepub.com/content/13/2/205.full.pdf+html>

Paige, R. Michael. The American Case: The University of Minnesota. Available at

<http://jsi.sagepub.com/content/7/1/52.full.pdf+html>

Internationalizing the Campus 2013: Profiles of Success at Colleges and Universities. Available

at <http://www.nafsa.org/File/itc2013.pdf>

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