Internationalization of Online Education

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Definition of Internationalization

- There are a wide is a wide definition of internationalization.
 - One of the most accepted ones is: Knight's definition.
 - Internationalization of higher education is the process of integrating an international/intercultural dimension into the teaching, research and service elements of an institution (Jane Knight & International Association of Universities, 2006).
- This means that the intercultural melting pot that is globalization needs to be taken into account when speaking about internationalization
- This is used as a tool to create wealth throughout the world



Definition of Internationalization

- Why in Education?
 - Let us examine the situation of education in our countries
 - Is there anything we can do?
 - ▶ Do we know who can do it?
 - How can we be of influence?
 - ► How, when and where to intervene?
 - ▶ How do we use our intervention in education to internationalize education
 - Understanding different languages



Positive Aspects of Internationalization of Education

- Intercultural Exchanges
- Diversity of Campus
- It's not just study abroad anymore
- ► Growth Opportunities to get the message out of each individual University
- Online platforms to diversify message boards and utilization of social media



Challenges

- There are many challenges in Internationalization of Education
 - Content that is based on specific cultural norms of individual countries
 - ► Different Rules and Regulations
 - ▶ Different accreditation standards
 - Low priority of the importance of education
 - Quality Issues



Tools for Internationalization

- Internet
- Video Software
- Specialized Software Programs
- Hardware
- Specialized technicians for specific cases



Online and Growth

- No systematic growth
- Unconventional Growth
- Research vs. hands on education
- Do we use research based education when talking about online internationalization of education
- ▶ Unfounded and wrong citation sources online, nothing ever dies online
- ► Taking old school Mentality and bringing up to 21st century thinking
- ▶ Growing in the Roles of internationalization of education online



Conclusion

- Internationalization is the Future of Education
- Utilization of the tools at hand are priority for the internationalization of education
- A solid admissions plan to cater to global diversity
- Do not let education become a burden. Always look at the positive aspects and remember that education is a human right

