

NOTES – GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT WORKING GROUP
MEETING 1 – JUNE 17, 2021 (08:00-10:00) - BRAINSTORM

The first part of the meeting focused on the question of what strengthening Queen's global presence entails. Among many identified in the free-flowing discussion, the following principles and elements were highlighted:

- Defining Queen's as a global actor, shaping the landscape of global thinking and responding to big challenges in the world today, as defined by the SDGs
- Building on the Principal's vision and mission to address the world's most significant and urgent challenges provides the big 'why' for global engagement: this is our 'North Star'
- Enabling and empowering all members of the Queen's community (students, faculty, staff) to engage the world in an active, equitable manner, to be an actor that is decolonizing and committed to EDII
- Magnifying our active global engagement both through external-facing and internal-facing activities, internationally, in our local and regional community and within the university
- Fostering mutual and bi-directional relationships, anchored in a spirit of joint innovation and exchange of ideas to address real problems that are mutually-defined, including SDGs
- Developing opportunities to engage purposively with international students on our campus and work towards a diverse, equitable and inclusive campus and make the contributions that international students bring much more visible. We can't have a strong global presence without strong internal culture within the campus itself that welcomes and celebrates and removes barriers to full participation by all students
- Enhancing Queen's global research reputation in strategic areas, recognizing that research
- Articulating a calling to global citizenship and defining partnerships to sustain Queen's global citizenship

In sum, the group suggested that we root our discussion of strategic priorities in an overarching value statement (provided by the Principal's Strategic Framework) – “The Queen's community—our people—will solve the world's most significant and urgent challenges with their intellectual curiosity, passion to achieve, and commitment to collaborate.” – and that we bring a global dimension to that value statement to help define strategic priorities.

The second part of the meeting moved to brainstorm about ambitious aspirations to give substance to the values identified in the first part of the discussion. These more concrete aspirations will be developed more fully in the second meeting of the group on July 9, 2021 and will be reported on in the next summary.