# **International Engagement** LEAP Action Plan, 2014-15

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General Goal:	

Develop a permanent reflection space, supportive literature and program resources on campus that is open to all students, faculty and staff.

#### **Planned Actions:**

### Actions occurred during spring 2014 semester:

- Conduct a focus group (including students of varying backgrounds) to inquire interests and needs regarding a reflection space on campus.
- Identify existing reflection spaces from universities across the country in order to gather ideas, processes and procedures, best practices, etc.
- Secure commitment to fund reflection space on our campus.
- Work with Tami McCullough and Candace Chenoweth to confirm a site for the reflection space.
- Develop a reflection space survey to gather feedback from students, faculty and staff.
- Contact David Cartwright, Chair for the Department of Philosophy & Religious Studies to inquire about any other campus spaces being used regularly for reflection.
- Identify and read several current pieces of literature pertaining to student spiritual life and meditation.

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# Actions occurring during summer 2014 and beyond:

- Work with LEAP intern to develop article for reflection space to share on UW-W LEAP website.
- Meet with Tami McCullough to design space on June 30.
- Develop marketing plan to promote the reflection space.
- Plan and implement an open house scheduled for March 2015.
- Write and submit articles to AAC& U and ACUI.

## **Deliverables, Completed Actions:**

- Group of 9 students representing a variety of spiritual backgrounds attended a focus group in February.
- Identified six different existing reflection spaces from Universities across the United States in March.
- Secured commitment to fund reflection space in March.
- Confirmed two spaces to be located in White Hall with Tami McCullough and Candace Chenoweth in March/April.
- Over 200 reflection space surveys completed April through June.
- Reached out to David Cartwright, Chair for the Department of Philosophy & Religious Studies, in May. He indicated no formal reflection space has ever existed on campus.
- Identified and read several current pieces of literature pertaining to other campuses reflection spaces, student spiritual life and meditation, March through May.
- Secured basic furniture and other amenities for the two spaces located in White Hall.

#### Notes:

- Significant progress has been made with the campus reflection space. The longevity of the space will be dependent on continued support from the Center for Global Education as well as other campus stakeholders, and participation/feedback from students, faculty and staff.
- See attached floor plan for reflection space and photos of empty room.
- See attached survey and summary of survey data.
- A digital open house used for promotional purposes will be scheduled for October 2014.
- An open house ceremony is scheduled for Monday, March 2, 2015 in conjunction with International Week and the Center for Global Education's Open House.