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## Board Votes Unanimously to Grow the Endowment

### Russell and Sessions: First Elected Officials

Members of the Center's Professional Advisory Board have unanimously voted to grow the endowment, and to also require all members of the Board to contribute annually. The endowment, funded by the Victoria Ann and Gerald H. Read's generous gifts, provided adequate support for the Center's previous work. However, with the growth of importance of internationalization of Kent State and to increase opportunity for meaningful global impact, the Board sees the need to increase the endowment in support of the Center's new mission, *"We serve as a catalyst for the advancement of international and intercultural education."*

For the past decade, the Center has been served informally by a Professional Advisory Board, an external board of international educators and representatives from strategic partners from around the world. Now the Board has adopted formal by-laws, structure, and elected officials. Congratulations are extended to **Valdez Russell**, Chair, and **Doug Session**, Vice Chair. **Russell** is an independent consultant from The Bahamas, and **Sessions** is the Executive Director of International Studies School Network for the Asia Society.

Board Members and their affiliations contribute wider vision to the Center, increase our network throughout the world, and deepens our understanding of the best practices and challenges in internationalization of education globally at all levels.

International Board members include **Mary Jean Gallagher**; former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Student Achievement, Ontario (Canada) Ministry of Education; **Shonal Agarwal**, Chapters India (teacher development workshops worldwide), **Christine Arabin Ozarlan**, President, Bridges Academy Istanbul; and **Batt Burns**, professional story teller and travel professional.



Experts from across the United States include **Dr. J. James Jacob**, Professor at University of Pittsburg and Historian for the world Council of Comparative Educational Societies; **Dr. William Hiller**, Executive to the President, Lakeland Community College; **Kate Kuhn**, Teacher Education of International Baccalaureate (IB); **Dr. Bahira Trask**, Professor of Human Development at the University of Delaware; **Dr. Sharon Brennan**, Professor at the University of Kentucky also the official representative from the Consortium for Overseas Student Teaching.