

# Partnerships Between JMU and African Countries Committee

## Zambia and Kenya Subcommittee Midyear Report

Fall 2021

**Charge:** With globalization and shifting objectives and demographic needs in higher education, U.S. universities are challenged to redefine their recruitment, research, pedagogical and career development agendas. The African continent boasts some of the world's fastest growing technological and financial economies, and this African continent focused working group is charged with defining JMU's place in this expanding internationalized education and research model, while creating opportunities for research, teaching, and global community and civic engagement for our students, faculty and community. This initiative also enhances JMU's efforts in diversity, access and inclusion, and advances our vision to be national model of the engaged university: engaged with ideas and the world.

### **Co-Chairs:**

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### **Members:**

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- Felix Wang
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- Due to global and local impacts of Covid-19, this committee did not meet during Fall 2021.
- The committee chairs continue to hold conversations with various stakeholders including CGE, Provost's office, Zambia and Kenya partners, President's office, AAAD and college representatives on creating a model for sustained partnerships in the reality of a pandemic.