What does collaboration look like to you? What does the word mean to you? Collaboration is defined as “the action of working with someone to produce or create something. Is there collaboration happening within your student organization?
A representative from OLAS shared that there are about ten e-board members from different organizations who meet to discuss cultural programming and ways they can promote diversity and inclusion across campus. This is a great example of collaboration.
Collaborating with others provides opportunity to attain greater attendance and exposure. The people you collaborate will know others who you don’t and vice versa. In addition, collaborating provides new ideas and perspective on how to conduct your meetings and events. It allows for more hands in promoting and facilitating the event as well, which can only help things to run more smoothly. Partnering up with other organizations also eliminates competing with them. Working together gives you both a competitive advantage.
Great Collaboration Skills…

Ability to negotiate, articulate feelings, listen attentively, “criticize ideas, not people,” divide responsibilities fairly, negotiate, accept constructive criticism, ask questions for clarity and understanding, give a compliment, follow directions and know when to say no.
Which organizations are very well known on campus besides your own? Collaborating with well-known student organizations on campus can bring more exposure to your organization and potentially build memberships and/or attendance to your events.

Which organizations on campus have a similar mission to your own? Consider collaborating with them because it will allow you to have more hands on deck, when working toward a common goal or mission.

Which organizations do you want to learn more about? Consider using collaboration to get to know other students and an unfamiliar student organization that eastern has to offer. This again can enhance membership but also help both organizations experience something new when assisting each other with events/projects.
What are your big ideas? What do you want to do but feel limited in doing, based on lack of funding or support? Think about these questions in addition to who you think would help you in implementing your organization’s vision.
What’s Next?

- Draft a proposal and present it
- Create an agreement and have all parties sign
- Complete FRP’s together
- Delegate specific tasks
- Set deadlines
- Communicate often and always offer support & understanding
- Do your part!
Questions? Feedback?
See You Soon!

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