

MINUTES OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
April 7, 2006

The International Programs Advisory Committee met at 9:33 a.m. on Friday, April 7, 2006, in the 1895 Room of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Union.

Voting Members present: Dr. Marilyn Coles, Dr. Stephen Canfield,
Dr. Dagni Bredesen, Dr. Michael Cornebise,
Dr. Frances Murphy, Dr. Gloria Leitschuh,
Dr. Michael Havey

Voting Members absent: Mr. Jerrod Woodruff,
Dr. Roann Kopel, Mr. Emin Nabiyev,
Dr. Scott Crawford

Ex-Officio and Staff present: Dr. Robert M. Augustine, Ms. Adrienne Paladino,
Ms. Sue E. Songer, Ms. Wendy Williamson,
Ms. Emily Brueseke, Dr. Teresa Britton,
Mr. William J. Elliott, Dr. Jill Nilsen, Dr. Lisa Taylor

Ex-Officio and Staff absent: Ms. Marilyn Thomas,
Ms. Pam Collins, Dr. Bonnie Irwin

I. The minutes of March 3, 2006 were approved as read.

II. Agenda Items to be acted on:
**Voting on Eric Hake's Study Abroad Program Proposal to Brno,
Czech Republic for Summer 2007**

A vote was taken and IPAC members voted unanimously to pass the new program proposal.

III. Welcome

A. Dr. Dagni Bredesen welcomed Dr. Teresa Britton, who provided an update on the Spring 2007 Genoa, Italy study abroad program. Dr. Britton reported that classes will be offered in literature, theatre arts, history/political science and architecture. She also noted that Stacia Lynch in the Office of Publications has developed the marketing theme for the program. All financial aid should apply for students who are enrolled, except for tuition

waivers, which are not applicable to tuition recovery programs. Many of the courses will apply to the University's general education requirements. The target audience is first year students. Dr. Britton discussed the program costs as compared to a standard semester at Eastern Illinois University and the opportunity for EIU to collaborate with the University of Maryland.

- B. Dr. Dagni Bredesen welcomed Dr. Jill Nilsen, who spoke about philanthropy related to international interest. Dr. Nilsen discussed her recent visit with international alumni in Washington, D.C. in March. She also reviewed her earlier trip to Europe and the international alumni activities that were held in Sweden, Genoa & Florence, Italy, and Cologne, Germany. Eastern's first International Alumni Advisory Board was established during the March 2006 meeting. The Board will be focusing their efforts on providing advice on issues of international education, guidance on the development of an international alumni awards program, and philanthropy to support the building of an International Plaza at the east entrance of Blair Hall. Dr. Nilsen asked that the Office of International Programs work in collaboration with the Alumni Office to begin developing a comprehensive list of international alumni addresses and emails to initiate the project, Dr. Nilsen asked IPAC to help with the alumni database.

Study Abroad Initiatives - Study abroad continues to be an institutional priority. Because there are typically additional costs associated with study abroad programs, the University will also be searching for ways to raise money for endowments to fund scholarships for study abroad. Dr. Augustine mentioned that the development of 50 years of international education celebration will be coming up in 2007-08. This offers an important opportunity to honor international alumni and raise awareness of the need for philanthropy.

Dr. Nilsen also stated that we need to honor our Study Abroad alumni to help support others studying abroad by maybe organizing a breakfast during homecoming. This is also a way to approach domestic alumni who have studied abroad for contributions.

Dr. Cornebise suggested that there be a tent at Tent City for International Alumni and to have Study Abroad alums as well as International for recognition. We need to get an article in the Old Main Line for September to invite International Alumni regarding this initiative.

IV. Reports

- A. Dr. Cornebise and Dr. Havey gave an update on Maastricht Semester-Long Study Abroad. They are working with Social Sciences in the College of Sciences to develop a proposed slate of courses for Spring 2007. EIU Faculty will go there to teach this EIU program. They have Chairs willing to assist with the workloads.
- B. William J. Elliott
1. Mr. Elliott thanked IPAC for attending the Library Appreciation Breakfast and for the Library's support while the International Offices were temporarily housed at the Library.
 2. Bill reported on the Alumni Board meeting in Washington, D.C. and the Embassy Visitations that were completed. He went back for a second meeting at the Indian Embassy.
 3. Bill reported that the new International website is up and running,
 4. Bill reported that the International Programs Offices will be relocating to Blair Hall during the next week.
 5. Bill explained that international scholarships will be modified so that rather than providing full-time awards to a small number of students, the Office plans to offer 2/3 scholarship to a larger number of students. This will be equivalent of waiver of the out-of-state tuition in order to support a greater number of students.
- C. Sue E. Songer
1. Sue also reported on the embassy visits in Washington, D.C.
 2. Sue reminded members that Wednesday is the International Spring 2006 Awards Banquet in the University Ballroom at 5:45 p.m. Tom & Betty Elliott will be the recipients of the Eulalee Anderson Friendship Award.
 3. Sue also reminded IPAC members that April 17 initiates International Week. There will be many student events and a flyer will be sent to all of IPAC.
 4. Finally, Sue reported that Illinois East Central Community Colleges will be visiting our campus on April 22 and spending the night with our International students.

- D. Wendy Williamson, Study Abroad Update (attached as separate document)
1. Wendy reported that a request to extend proposals is now set for April 24, 2006 and voting will be done electronically during the first week of May.
 2. Wendy asked for feedback from the Study Abroad Committee regarding how they would prefer to handle the evaluation of study abroad proposals. The options included having all members of IPAC review the proposals or having on the Study Abroad Subcommittee review them and developing recommendations to the entire Committee.
 3. Dr. Bredesen led a discussion related to offering summer programs that compete for the same students in contrast to alternating programs, so as not to create such competition. Dr. Bredesen also asked for feedback regarding focusing faculty-led programs on non-traditional locations.
 4. Ms Williamson reported that there were 22 proposals for summer 2006, but only 11 are actually going forward.
 5. Wendy has put together possible criteria for ranking. A suggestion was made that proposals have just a one-page summary for all IPAC members, instead of the entire proposal package submitted. During the discussion there was a suggestion to have an earlier date for all proposals to be approved in April, in order to have a presence during orientation.

The meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEXT MEETING
Friday, September 1, 2006
9:30 a.m.
Blair Hall Conference Room 3108

Agenda Items: