

**MINUTES OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS AADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**October 6, 2006**

The International Programs Advisory Committee met at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, October 6, 2006 in 3108 Blair Hall.

Members present: Dr. Dagni Bredesen, Dr. Marilyn Coles, Dr. Regina Nganga, Dr. Lisa Taylor

Members absent: Dr. Stephen Canfield, Dr. Michael Cornebise, Dr. Roann Kopel, Dr. Gloria Leitschuh, Dr. Hui Li, Rowdy Frederiksen

Ex-Officio and Staff present: Dr. Robert Augustine (late), Ms. Emily Brueseke (late), Ms. Pam Collins, Mr. William Elliott, Ms. Margaret Messer, Ms. Sue Songer (late), Ms. Wendy Williamson

Ex-Officio and Staff absent: Ms. Marilyn Thomas

Dr. Bredesen opened the meeting by thanking the members of IPAC for their continued support and her nomination as Chair.

**I. Approval of September 1, 2006 Minutes:**

Dr. Coles made a motion to approve the minutes of September 1, 2006. Motion was seconded by Dr. Nganga. Motion was approved unanimously.

**II. Items to be Added to the Agenda**

None.

**III. Communications**

None

**IV. Reports**

A. Bill Elliott

1. Mr. Elliott reported on the applications for the Spring 2007 semester, stating that the number of applications received had increased from this time last year. 155 applications were received this year compared to 79 for last year. Also, issued I-20's were increased by 15 (36 for this year, 21 for last year). The I-20's for spring are expected to continue to rise as student files are completed by month's end.
2. Mr. Elliott also reported that he and Sue Songer have accepted new leadership roles in Region V of NAFSA. He stated that he will now be a Lead Coach of Region V's NAFSA Academy, with five trainees under his leadership. Sue Songer has been nominated as COMSEC Representative on the Region V Team. In this capacity, she would promote international education activities in the surrounding communities.

3. Mr. Elliott then introduced Graduate Assistant Michelle Leisten, who demonstrated the International Programs Alumni Website. Discussion took place. A special thank-you to Michelle and to the CATS Office for its help.
- B. Sue Songer
1. In Ms. Songer's absence, Mr. Elliott related that October 28-29 is a Community College "Next Step" visitation weekend. This weekend brings international students from Community Colleges to EIU to spend time with current international students in hopes of recruiting them to further their education at EIU.
  2. Mr. Elliott also reported that October 25, 2006 will be the monthly International Forum, held in the Charleston/Mattoon Room at the Union. Dr. Bruce Stanley of Huron University (England) will be the guest speaker.
  3. Mr. Elliott stated that visiting scholar, Ge "William" Jiang, is visiting EIU and being sponsored by Dr. Ping Liu, School of Technology.
  4. Mr. Elliott then invited IPAC members to join the international students as they walk in the Homecoming Parade on October 21, 2006.
  5. Mr. Elliott also reported that the Fall 2006 EIU international student population totals 153 students from 39 different countries.
- C. Wendy Williamson
1. Ms. Williamson discussed the Study Abroad Program. As of the October 1, 2006 deadline, 44 applications had been received. The anticipated enrollment for Spring 2007 is 60-65 students. This is compared to 41 for Spring 2006.
  2. Ms. Williamson also stated that Study Abroad would be issuing six Special Tuition Waiver Scholarships for EIU Scholars going on Exchange Programs and that the Weber Scholarship will be awarded in Spring 2007.
  3. Ms. Williamson stated that the Lessons Abroad, Lessons Learned event held on October 5, 2006 was a success.
  4. Ms. Williamson also stated that Study Abroad is continuing to meet with the Department Chairpersons to further introduce them to the Study Abroad program.
  5. Ms. Williamson also stated that there are two new Study Abroad Programs: the University of Otago (New Zealand) which was added this summer and Massey University (New Zealand) will soon be added once the agreement is finalized.
- D. Emily Brueseke
1. Ms. Brueseke discussed the upcoming events for Study Abroad. She advised that Dr. Roger Richardson from the University of Winchester (England) will be on campus October 9-10<sup>th</sup>.
  2. Ms. Brueseke reported that the Hub Travel Expo will be held October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2006 from 10am-3pm in the Bridge Lounge (Union).
  3. Ms. Brueseke also reported that Dr. Bruce Stanley from Huron University (England) will be on campus October 25, 2006.
  4. Ms. Brueseke also reported that the Study Abroad Fair will be held November 15, 2006 from 10:30am-2:30pm in the University Ballroom. This is being held in conjunction with International Education Week.

- E. Dean Augustine
1. Dr. Augustine stated that he continues to be very encouraged by the progress made by the Study Abroad office and International Programs office to promote international education on campus.
  2. Dr. Augustine also stated that he has been happy with the positive press in the Daily Eastern News regarding Study Aboard and International Programs.
  3. Dr. Augustine shared that there is a 4-stop overseas trip in the planning for June 2007. He stated that it would be a trip that would include visiting alumni, study abroad personnel, and continue the rapport EIU has with the other countries. He stated that a member of upper Administration may accompany him on this trip.

**V. Agenda Items to be Acted On**

- A. Wendy Williamson advised that the IPAC Study Abroad Subcommittee met and discussed the faculty-led proposals that were submitted for 2007. Ms. Williamson recommended that all proposals be approved. Discussion took place. Upon vote, all proposals were approved unanimously.
- B. Dr. Bredesen wanted to thank the Study Abroad subcommittee for its time in reviewing the proposals.

**VI. Other Business**

None.

With no other business at hand, Dr. Bredesen adjourned the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING**  
**Friday, November 3, 2006**  
**9:30 a.m.**  
**Blair Hall Conference Room 3108**