

MINUTES OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
November 7, 2008

The International Programs Advisory Committee met at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, November 7, 2008, in 3108 Blair Hall.

Members present: Dr. Ronan Bernas, Dr. Dagni Bredesen, Dr. Stephen Canfield, Dr. Marilyn Coles, Dr. Roann Kopel, Dr. Tesa Leonce, Dr. Regina Nganga, Dr. Deborah Woodley, Olivier David

Members absent: Laila Olsson

Ex-Officio and Staff present: Dr. Robert Augustine, Dr. Bonnie Irwin, Ms. Marilyn Thomas, Ms. Wendy Williamson, Mr. Farhan Aziz

Ex-Officio and Staff absent: Ms. Pam Collins, Mr. Bill Elliott, Ms. Sue Songer

I. Approval of Minutes:

Dr. Canfield made a motion to approve the minutes of October 3, 2008. Motion was seconded by Dr. Woodley. Motion was approved unanimously.

II. Items to be Added to the Agenda

A. Debbie Hershberger-Kidwell, Academic Advisor, reported on her trip to Spain.

III. Reports

A. Marilyn Thomas

1. In the absence of Mr. Elliott and Ms. Songer, Ms. Thomas reported that Mr. Elliott will meet with Vice President Nadler next week to discuss the insurance situation.
2. Ms. Thomas also reported that Mr. Elliott's recruiting trip to Turkey went well.
3. Ms. Thomas then reported that Sue Songer was contacted by Ken Baker of the Rec Center and told that he is overseeing the creation of a cricket pitch, which is a permanent location on campus for students to play cricket. The equipment, bats, balls, and wickets, have been purchased for this project.
4. Ms. Thomas then reported that the International Programs Holiday Banquet is scheduled for Monday, December 8, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.
5. Ms. Thomas then introduced Olivier David, AIS President, who invited IPAC members to the international students' Taste of the World, which is planned for Saturday, November 15, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. at the Christian Campus House, 4th and Roosevelt. Mr. David stated that there will be good food from around the world. Donations are appreciated.

B. Wendy Williamson

1. Ms. Williamson reported that her trip to Greece and the Netherlands was a success. Ms. Williamson reported that the exchange programs are well suited for EIU and contracts are being negotiated.

2. Ms. Williamson also reported that the first of Study Abroad scholarships have been awarded. Ms. Williamson stated that 12 scholarships have been awarded and two exchange tuition waivers have also been awarded. The scholarships are based on need and the decisions for the awards will be made in October, December, and May.
3. Ms. Williamson reported that they have 37 students signed up for Spring 2009 Study Abroad trips and anticipate more students will sign up.
4. Ms. Williamson then reported that Lori Henderson has been assigned to assist Study Abroad with marketing.
5. Ms. Williamson then stated that the IPAC Study Abroad subcommittee will need a couple of more members - Ronan Bernas and Roann Kopel stated they would like to serve on the committee.
6. Ms. Williamson then reported that the Faculty-led Study Abroad programs have been updated, now to have a three year approval window and then resubmit with evaluations and reports for reconsideration.

C. Dean Augustine

1. Dean Augustine reported that he is pleased with the nominations for the next Global Ambassadors event, which will be held September 28-30, 2009.
2. Dean Augustine then reported that he and President Perry will travel to China next May. They will meet with dignitaries associated with Dr. Liu and Dr. Izadi's trip in October 2008 and they will host an alumni event.
3. Dean Augustine also reported that the Treasurer is looking at the report on tuition prepared by the Enrollment Management Committee.
4. Dean Augustine then reported that the EIKEN test and the Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB) tests have been approved.

IV. Other Business

None.

Dr. Canfield adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING
Friday, December 5, 2008
9:00 a.m.
Blair Hall Conference Room 3108