

**International Education Council
Meeting Minutes
September 4, 2015
Blair Hall Third Floor Conference 3108**

Members present: Dr. John Willems, Dr. Catherine Polydore, Dr. Kesha Coker, Dr. Zhiwei Liu, Dr. Rose Gong, Mr. Praveen Arekatla, Ms. Jordan Nelson, and Dr. Claudia Janssen Danyi

Members absent: Dr. Daniele Nardi, Dr. Rigoberto Chinchilla, Dr. Robert Petersen

Ex-Officio present: Dean Ryan Hendrickson, Mr. Kevin Vicker, Mr. Evan Lohmann (sitting in for Dr. Kurt Olausen), Ms. Sara Schmidt

Invited Guests present: Ms. Lana Beasley and Ms. Lauren Schuberth (sitting in for Mr. Chuck Asche)

I. **Welcome and Introductions:** Dr. Ryan Hendrickson, Interim Dean of the Graduate School

II. **Election of Chair & Vice Chair:** Dr. Catherine Polydore was nominated and approved unanimously to serve as Chair. Dr. Kesha Coker was nominated for Vice Chair and was approved unanimously.

III. **Approval of the Minutes**

The April 2015 minutes were approved with no changes.

IV. **Reports**

a. **International Students and Scholars: Mr. Kevin Vicker**

1. **Fall Enrollment Update**

Mr. Kevin Vicker shared a spreadsheet of the updated enrollments. He noted the enrollment is higher than ever at 290 students due to the lowered tuition rate for undergraduates which is 1.25 times the instate rate. This report will be emailed to members. India is still the largest market with student also coming from Spain, Nepal, South Korea and Saudi.

2. **Recruitment Update**

Mr. Vicker shared that he is continuing to visit recruitment centers, doing virtual fairs and partnering. Partnering has been very productive. There will be four students spring semester and 20 in Fall from partnering university in Korea. He will be traveling to Korea in October. Mr. Chuck Asche and Mr. Lohmann traveled to China in May for recruitment. It was noted that one issue with students from China is the parents' reluctance in bringing their child to a university that is not extremely high in the rankings. Dr. Liu noted another issue is transportation for students such as getting back and forth to the train station in Mattoon. Travel is especially difficult during the summer.

3. **Language Center Update: Ms. Lauren Schuberth**

Ms. Schuberth from TLC reported the program began with 2 students in November and now have 26. They will soon have 30

when the leave-of-absence students return. Some of the students are from Panama, Saudi Arabia, China, France and Jordan. Dr. Polydore and Dr. Coker asked if current Eastern international students at EIU could use the facilities and it could be listed as a resource. Ms. Schuberth reported that they do have one-on-one tutoring but there is a fee. Dr. Polydore asked if something could be put together explaining how the program could be used as a resource for these students. Dr. Janssen Danyi asked if there was a way that support for the enrolled international students could be included in the curriculum. Mr. Vicker noted that there is the University Foundations class for freshman but it is not required for international students and does not directly address the language or other issues for international students.

b. Study Abroad: Mr. Evan Lohmann

Mr. Lohmann provided a detailed report regarding 2014-2015 statistics and facts, new and recurring faculty led programs, a program administration update, the CIEE grant proposal, spring semester in London for Freshman proposal, website/Terra Dotta and regarding the study abroad capstone course. The detailed report will be emailed to the committee.

V. Dean's Report: Dr. Ryan Hendrickson

1. Appreciation of Laura Humphreys

Dean Hendrickson noted along with Mr. Vicker the committee's appreciation for the assistance provided by Ms. Laura Humphreys for the committee. Ms. Humphreys' position has been affected by the cuts to the university. She will be missed and has done a fantastic job.

2. Update

Dean Hendrickson related his pleasure at being a part of IEC. He noted that he has taught International Relations and served on the IEC committee previously. He also has developed a study abroad proposal. He stated that he has met with President Glassman and learned that he has done 12 study abroad trips to Belize and is very interested in international students.

VI. Items Pending

There were no items pending at this time.

VII. Committee Selection

An email will be sent with descriptions of the committees so the committee members can decide where they wish to serve.

VIII. Other Business

Dr. Gong asked if an email could be sent to confirm the meetings as she drives from Champaign and has no other classes on Fridays. It was also suggested that the meeting schedule for the next year be sent to the committee.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEXT MEETING

October 2, 2015

Blair Hall Conference Room 3108