

**MINUTES OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**March 4, 2005**

The International Programs Advisory Committee met at 9:34 a.m. on Friday, March 4, 2005, in the Martinsville Room of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Union.

Voting Members present: Dr. Alan Baharlou, Dr. Mahmood Butt, Dr. Marilyn Coles,  
Dr. Stephen Canfield, Dr. Scott Crawford,  
Dr. Dagni Bredesen

Voting Members absent: Dr. Michael Havey, Dr. Frances Murphy, Dr. Roann Kopel,  
Mr. Miljan Markus, Mr. Jerrod Woodruff

Ex-Officio and  
Staff present: Dr. Robert M. Augustine, Ms. Adrienne Paladino,  
Ms. Elyse Lyons, Ms. Pam Collins,  
Ms. Sue E. Songer, Mr. William J. Elliott

Ex-Officio and  
Staff absent: Dr. Bonnie Irwin

- I. The minutes of January 14, 2005 were approved as read.
- II. Items to be added to the Agenda.
  - Modification of Toronto Study Abroad Trip
  - Modification of Andros Island Study Abroad Trip
  - Addition of FCS 4854 to South Africa Study Abroad Trip
  - Addition of Honors Versions to Study Abroad Trips
- III. Agenda Items to be acted on.
  - Modification of Toronto Study Abroad Trip**
    - A. Dr. Butt moved to approve modification of the Toronto Study Abroad Program that will allow students to enroll for variable credit. While this option was approved, the issue of establishing study abroad for variable credit will be examined and reviewed. Dr. Canfield seconded the motion. The modification was unanimously approved.
  - Modification of Andros Island Study Abroad Trip**
    - A. Dr. Butt moved to approve the modification with Andros Island Study Abroad Program that will allow student to enroll for variable credit. As with the Toronto decision, this option was approved for this program. The issue of variable credit will be examined and reviewed. Dr. Crawford seconded the motion. The modification was unanimously approved.

### **Addition of FCS 4854 to South Africa Trip**

- A. Dr. Butt moved to approve the addition of FCS 4854, and Ms. Collins seconded the motion. The addition was unanimously approved.

### **Addition of Honors Versions to Study Abroad Trips**

- A. Dr. Baharlou mentioned that Dr. Bonnie Irwin has a student that wanted to use the Honors version of PHI 2590 for studying abroad. Dr. Irwin has requested IPAC to consider in the future that study abroad courses include Honors sections and Dr. Irwin would monitor those sections. Dr. Bredesen moved to plan and promote the Honors sections as an approved option for students seeking honors credit. Dr. Butt seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

## **IV. Reports**

### **A. Roann Kopel**

- 1. Dr. Baharlou reported for Dr. Kopel that two of the three candidates for the Director of Study Abroad, Wendy Williamson and Bill Brown, have been interviewed. IPAC members were encouraged to attend the final interview for Phil Rivera on March 7, 2005.

### **B. Dr. Robert M. Augustine**

- 1. Dr. Augustine, Steve Rich, Dr. Jill Nilsen, William J. Elliott and Sue E. Songer will be hosting an International Alumni Event in Washington, DC on April 4, 2005 for all international alumni who reside in the DC area. This is the first event scheduled as part of a broad program of international alumni events to be held in conjunction with developing resources for the International Courtyard. The event is co-sponsored with an alumni event for all EIU alumni in the DC area April 5.
- 2. Dr. Augustine and Dr. Jill Nilsen will be hosting an International Alumni Event in Vaxjo, Sweden and in Cologne, Germany from May 14-24, 2005. Dr. Heribert Breidenbach might also attend. Dr. Augustine will also visit one of our sites at Apicius, Italy during this trip.

### **C. Study Abroad: Elyse Lyons**

- 1. Ms. Lyons has been holding orientations for Summer Study Abroad students. Next semester, there are 30 students signed up to study abroad. Ms. Lyons invited IPAC members to attend any one of the orientations to get an idea as to how the orientations are done.

D. International Student Advisement: Sue E. Songer

1. Sue Songer reported on the International Tax Workshops which were held on March 1 and March 2 in the E-Classroom of the Booth Library. Professors Charles Wootton and Tim Mills assisted our international students in completing their federal income taxes on-line.
2. AIS recent events were a Valentine's Party on February 13, 2005, Indianapolis trip on February 18, 2005 and Rec Center Game Night on February 25, 2005. Ken Baker has been of great assistance with all arrangements in the Rec Center.
3. On February 22, 2005, the "International War Crimes Tribunal" International Forum was co-sponsored by Dean Hanner and the College of Sciences and Lilian Barria was the speaker. On March 23, 2005, "Barnga: Interactive Cultural Game" is an experiment and would like IPAC members to attend and we are going to be playing a game during that Forum.
4. On March 8, 2005, International Programs will be hosting "Next Step Day" for international transfer students from Illinois Community Colleges. IPAC members are invited to attend the luncheon at 12:00 noon in the Rathskellar.

E. Director of International Admissions: William J. Elliott

1. Mr. Elliott reported about new legislation called "ACTION" Bill, which is being implemented because it is time to take action for international students and scholars which can impact out programs to ask colleges and universities to fix SEVIS problems. This Bill would allow us to give better customer service and easier travel to and from their countries and would give more consideration in student travel.
2. Last year we had overseas advisors from Study Illinois visit here at Eastern. This year we are approved to have the visitors and it looks like we will have eight overseas advisors.
3. Fall 05 updates are as follows:

FA04 (at this time)	FA05 (at this time)
141 applications	153 applications
58 admitted	68 admitted
22 I-20's issued	32 I-20's issued

The meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEXT MEETING**  
**Friday, April 8, 2005**  
**9:30 a.m.**  
**Martinsville Room, Martin Luther King, Jr. Union**

**Agenda Items:**

None at this time