

**MINUTES OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**September 9, 2005**

The International Programs Advisory Committee met at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, September 9, 2005, in the Title Room of McAfee Gymnasium.

Voting Members present: Dr. Marilyn Coles, Dr. Stephen Canfield, Dr. Dagni Bredesen, Dr. Michael Cornebise, Dr. Michael Havey, Dr. Roann Kopel, Dr. Frances Murphy, Mr. Abdoulaye Traore, Mr. Jerrod Woodruff

Voting Members absent: Dr. Mahmood Butt, Dr. Scott Crawford

Ex-Officio and Staff present: Dr. Robert M. Augustine, Ms. Adrienne Paladino, Ms. Susan Bulla, Ms. Sue E. Songer, Mr. William J. Elliott, Ms. Wendy Williamson, Ms. Emily Brueseke

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

- I. The minutes of March 4, 2005 were approved as published.
- II. Introductions were made of all IPAC members, ex-officio and staff present.
- III. Elections of Chair and Vice Chair positions

Nominations for the Chair were taken. Dr. Roann Kopel nominated Dr. Dagni Bredesen and Dr. Stephen Canfield seconded the nomination. A vote was taken and Dr. Dagni Bredesen was unanimously voted as Chair of IPAC. Nominations for the Vice Chair were taken. Dr. Michael Cornebise nominated Dr. Michael Havey and Dr. Stephen Canfield seconded the nomination. A vote was taken and Dr. Michael Havey was unanimously voted as Vice Chair of IPAC

- IV. Subcommittee appointments
  - A. Projects Committee:  
Dr. Roann Kopel and Dr. Michael Cornebise.

- B. Election Committee:  
Dr. Michael Havey
  
- C. Scholarship Committee:  
Dr. Marilyn Coles  
Dr. Frances Murphy  
Dr. Michael Havey  
Dr. Mahmood Butt
  
- D. Study Abroad Committee:  
Dr. Dagni Bredesen  
Dr. Stephen Canfield  
Dr. Michael Cornebise  
Dr. Scott Crawford

V. Reports

A. Dr. Robert M. Augustine

1. Dr. Augustine discussed that IPAC had recommended a plan for international presence on Eastern's campus and an International Courtyard to be located on the east side of Blair Hall has been supported by the President. Plans are being developed eliminate the parking lot and make it a grassy area that can be developed into the courtyard. Potential plans for the courtyard are being developed by the company managing the Blair Hall renovation. A campaign to provide resources for the courtyard is being considered. Dean Augustine will provide additional details as they emerge.
2. Many meetings have been held about forming an International Alumni Advisory Board. Dr. Augustine met with William Elliott and Sue Songer in Washington, D.C. with international alumni who are in the Washington, D.C. area to see if they would serve on an alumni board. Reaction from international alumni was positive.
3. Dr. Augustine also traveled to Europe with Dr. Jill Nilsen and met with our alumni in several European countries. Visits were to Vaxjo, Sweden, Genoa & Florence, Italy, as well as Cologne, Germany. In Cologne, they met up with Dr. Heribert Breidenbach, where we have a large cohort of alums there. Eastern Illinois University is doing an alumni newsletter with references to this trip.
4. Dr. Augustine, William Elliott, Sue Songer, Marilyn Thomas and Wendy Williamson met with the Deans of all the colleges over the summer to help build International Programs and Study Abroad.
5. Roann Kopel had brought up that more new faculty are interested in faculty-led study abroad programs.

6. Dr. Augustine discussed that deficits in the Exchange Account have been resolved and it is now balanced.

B. Director of International Admissions: William J. Elliott

1. Mr. Elliott reported that International Programs has 48 new students this Fall 05 semester from 43 countries for a total of 133 students for Fall05.
2. Mr. Elliott reported that he will be presenting at the next Board of Trustees meeting about International Programs.

C. International Student Advisor: Sue E. Songer

1. Sue Songer will be leaving for a recruiting trip through American Educational Opportunities to recruit in 7 cities in 17 days in Hong Kong, Kuala Lumpur, Singapore, Jakarta, Surabaya, Bali and Bangkok.

D. Director of Study Abroad: Wendy Williamson

1. Wendy Williamson discussed AY04-05 that 55 students studied abroad, 22 studied abroad in Fall04, 22 in Spring05 and 11 in Summer05.
2. Wendy discussed the top 5 countries being United Kingdom, Spain, Australia, Ireland and Italy.
3. Wendy stated that we currently have 15 study abroad programs. Also discussed were the program offerings, cost analysis of the programs. Wendy also discussed the methods of how we can increase the number of EIU students who take advantage of Study Abroad.
4. Wendy reviewed her new website. Wendy has also added a Study Abroad list serve welcoming anyone to sign up for that.
5. Wendy discussed the program types, i.e. one-way, exchange, third party, faculty-led and other programs (not EIU programs). She also displayed available scholarships for Study Abroad.
6. Wendy provided a comprehensive review of her EIU program proposals, the advantages, the rationale for the proposed structuring and the course approval process (take courses that are study abroad specific).
7. Wendy stated that there are two processes; the renewal process for faculty-led who have already gone and the second process is the regular proposal process.

A motion was made by Dr. Stephen Canfield to approve the entire proposal package bill, forms, etc. and Dr. Roann Kopel seconded the motion. A unanimous decision was made to move ahead with the proposals.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEXT MEETING**

**Friday, October 14, 2005**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Booth Library, Room 4440**

**Agenda Items:**

1. Update from International Programs regarding current issues and projects
2. General Study Abroad Update
3. Faculty-Led Program Proposals, review one by one and vote
4. Michael Havey's proposal for a permanent program in Maastricht
5. Spring Break in Guatemala