

International Education Council
Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2018
Blair Hall Third Floor Conference 3108

Members present: Dr. Rick Anderson, Dr. Julie Dietz, Dr. Nicole Hugo, Dr. Jinhee Lee, and Dr. Dianne Timm

Members absent: Ms. Jessica French, Mr. Ifeanyi Ilochonwu, Dr. Vanesa Landrus, Dr. Mei-Ling Li, Dr. Daniele Nardi, Dr. Tina Wang

Ex-officio present: Dr. Ryan Hendrickson, Dr. Barry Kronenfeld, and Dr. Kurt Olausen

Ex-officio absent: Dr. Newton Key and Ms. Sara Schmidt

Visitor present: Ms. Emily Tooy

I. Welcome

1. At 9:05 am Dr. Nichole Hugo (filling in for Dr. Daniele Nardi) called the meeting to order. She presented the minutes of the March 2nd, 2018, meeting, but since there wasn't a quorum of voting members, the minutes will need to be approved at the next meeting.
2. Dr. Hugo welcomed the new Study Abroad Coordinator, Emily Tooy. Emily began on Monday, April 2nd, 2018.
3. Since there wasn't a quorum of members, the voting of new members and leaders will also be moved to the next meeting. Dr. Hendrickson stated that currently there were two members who would be eligible for leadership positions next year. Also, Catherine Polydore will be returning to the committee and Dianne Timm who was covering for her will be stepping down. There will also be new student representatives in the fall.
4. Dr. Hugo wanted to thank Krishna Thomas for her work on the International Scholarship Committee in assisting in reviewing applications. Dr. Dietz asked if the scholarships will be included in the new Academic Works system next year. Dr. Olausen said that both Study Abroad and OISS are working with the foundation office to hopefully use the new system, but also incorporate their specific scholarship needs.

II. Reports

1. Study Abroad: Dr. Kurt Olausen

- a. Trip update – Dr. Olausen updated the committee on the international trip he took during spring break. He also handed out a report with information about the company he visited (CIE) and the opportunities available to students and also his visit to the University of Winchester. The report is attached.

- b. Summer/Fall Enrollment Updates – Dr. Olausen reported the summer independent study abroad numbers. This summer there are 16 students signed up with 2 students who are questionable. This number is down from 23 last year. For fall, there are currently 4 signed up; last year there were 20. These smaller numbers may be a trickle-down effect of the smaller class sizes overall at EIU, but he has been speaking with many students and classes about study abroad opportunities, so hopefully the numbers will go back up soon.

Dr. Julie Dietz asked if the study abroad programs need to be presented to students in new ways instead of simply the experience of travel. Dr. Olausen stated that he describes all the positive benefits to study abroad (career advancement, value to employers) and also there is more data and research that he can use to support his claims.

Dr. Barry Kronenfeld asked if the study abroad courses can only be transferred as general education courses or if they can also be used to fulfil major or minor requirements. Dr. Olausen explained the courses can be used for both. The students discuss the course with departments prior to going and the chair approves the transfer credit, so students know exactly what course it will transfer back as.

- c. New Program Proposals Updates – Dr. Olausen let the council know that today (4/6/18) is the deadline for new faculty led proposals to be submitted, and there have been some interesting course requests so far. The Theater department is looking into a London trip, the Communication Studies department is interested in Ireland and Scotland and the English department is considering taking a class to China. He advised English to also include Asian Studies, so they could have a larger pool of potential students.

2. **International Student and Scholars: Dr. Kurt Olausen**

- a. Fall Enrollment Updates – Dr. Olausen provided the current numbers for international student enrollment. For fall there were 152 undergraduate applications with 60 currently admitted, compared to 147 applications and 7 admitted last year (a 757% increase in admissions). There are 608 graduate applications and 240 admitted, compared to 511 applications and 60 admits last year. The office has been able to process the admissions quicker this year with the support of Dr. Melton. These numbers may increase since the business school is waiting on GMAT scores before admitting students. Also, the Economics department has seen an increase in interest with 60 new applications. Even though the flow of applications has slowed down, there may still be a few more since the final deadline is in May. Dr. Hendrickson thanked Dr. Olausen and the office for their increase in the speed of admissions compared to previous years.
- b. International Tax Support Update – Dr. Olausen shared with the committee that during tax season, some international students have questions about completing tax returns but no one in the ISS office is qualified to give guidance, so they changed to a tax software program that provides online tax support to students. It seems to be going well. Brenda in OISS has been directing students with questions to the online support system where they can find knowledgeable answers about international tax issues.

- c. Spring Events Update – Dr. Olausen shared that Holi will be April 21st in the library quad. Fliers should be coming out soon with more information.

There were no new TLC or AIS updates.

III. Dean's Report: Dr. Ryan Hendrickson

1. Staff Reports – Dr. Olausen announced that his last day would be June 30th, 2018. Dr. Hendrickson thanked Dr. Olausen for his outstanding job in Study Abroad and OISS. When enrollment was declining at EIU, the Study Abroad numbers remained stable, and later he took on additional roles in OISS, so Dr. Hendrickson wanted to publically thank Dr. Olausen for his service over the four years he's been at EIU. Dr. Hendrickson is now working on the next steps to fill Dr. Olausen's position by working with the Provost. Dr. Hendrickson hopes to have an Assistant Dean for International Education position that will balance both offices now that there is a dedicated Study Abroad Coordinator. He will soon begin organizing a search committee and hopefully will have someone in place by midsummer.

Dr. Jinhee Lee announced that April is Asian Heritage Month and more information can be found here: http://www.eiu.edu/asian_studies/asianheritagemonth2018.php. She also asked the committee to forward the information to faculty so they would also be aware of the various programs that are going on during the month.

Dr. Hugo moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 am. The next meeting will be May 4th, 2018.

Minutes submitted by Mary Mattingly

**Report on CIEE Global Campus Site Visit – London, UK and Rome, Italy
March 11-17, 2018**

CIEE Global Campus Model

- 6-week blocks – students can do 1, 2, or 3
- 2 courses for 6 credits during each block
- Students can stay in one location, or move around
- Current and upcoming locations: London, Berlin, Paris, Rome, Madrid, Cape Town, Rio de Janeiro, Santiago, Buenos Aires
- As these programs have been developed and expanded, scholarships have been offered
 - *CIEE has provided all Academic Consortium member institutions 5 Open Campus grants ranging from \$4,000-\$6,000 for **fall 2018 and spring 2019**. Originally, students remaining at a single Open Campus site for 3 blocks could be nominated for grants in the amount of \$4,000. For students opting to experience 2 or more Open Campus sites during a 3-block semester (i.e. Mobility), the grant amount is \$6,000.*
 - ***We are pleased to announce a change for Latin America only:*** Nominated students will be awarded the full \$6,000 whether they choose to move between locations **OR** stay in one Latin American Open Campus location for all three blocks. *This is for students who want to study in Buenos Aires, Rio de Janeiro and/or Santiago, Chile. This means students can study for 18 weeks in Latin America for less than \$10,000!*

Academic Tracks (pretty much consistent across sites)

- Communications, Journalism & New Media
- International Relations & Political Science
- Language, Literature & Culture
- Sustainability & Environmental Sciences
- Business
- Global & Community Health
- Academic Projects (available in a student's second or third block in the same location)
 - Service-Learning
 - Directed Independent Research
- Internships available – 2 different models
 - Within a regular 6-week block a 3-credit internship is possible
 - Global Internship Program – student takes regular classes during the first 6-week block, then has a full-time internship for 8 weeks (3 credit internship + 3 credit accompanying seminar)

Housing

- In London, students stay in Chapter student housing
 - <https://www.chapter-living.com/properties/kings-cross>
 - Shared rooms, although there is one student hired as an RA who gets a single
 - Study rooms, gym, social spaces in the building
 - Kitchens on each floor
 - Students from all over London live here – so study abroad students are mingling with UK students
- In Rome, students are in apartments within walking distance of the Center
 - 2 students to a room, generally 3 bedrooms in each apartment (2 bathrooms)
 - A handful of apartments have an Italian student “buddy” living with the study abroad students

University of Westminster, London

- This is an existing partnership – EIU students regularly study here for a semester or during the summer
- I had an extensive tour of the School of Media, Arts and Design - <https://www.westminster.ac.uk/about-us/faculties/westminster-school-of-media-arts-and-design>

- Art and Design
- Fashion
- Television, Film and Moving Image
- Journalism, Digital Media and PR
- Music
- Photography
- Large number of music practice rooms, performance spaces, and professional level recording studios
- Art and Design in just about any medium including Animation and Graphic Communication Design
- Good fits here for EIU students in Art, Design, Journalism, Music (particularly if they have an interest in production) – this should be promoted
- This school is its own, self-contained, campus outside of Central London (near Wembley Stadium)

University of Winchester

- Existing EIU partner – mainly through KSS department, although exchange and direct enroll options are open to all EIU students
- Great location for our students: manageable town size, 60-90 minutes by bus or train into London
- “Quintessential” English town
- Range of humanities and social science options (interestingly some of the courses in the Sports department are the closest to “hard” sciences the university has)
- Majors that we could target: Accounting, History, Geography, Anthropology, Drama/Performing Arts, Journalism
- Interesting major they offer: Animal Welfare
 - From their undergraduate prospectus:

Explore relationships between humans and other animals, and examine what animal welfare means today. You will investigate big questions such as how do we understand animals; what are our responsibilities to animals; why do we develop emotional attachments to animals; why does society make gods of some animals but vilify others; and what can we learn about human nature by looking at animals?
 - Careers in this area, according to the departmental website:

Graduate gain employment in national and international animal advocacy, charitable, welfare and conservation organisations and with animal-related Governmental departments and commercial organisations. Some may use this gateway to other pathways such as teaching veterinary specialization in animal welfare, doctoral studies and research in related fields, or accreditation as an animal behaviourist.