

International Education Council
Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2017
Blair Hall Third Floor Conference 3108

Members present: Dr. Rick Anderson, Dr. Julie Dietz, Dr. Christiane Eydt- Beebe, Ms. Jessica French, Dr. Nicole Hugo, Dr. Jinhee Lee, Dr. Mei-Ling Li, Dr. Catherine Polydore, and Dr. Tina Wang.

Members absent- Ms. Hawah Abdulrasaq-Coker and Dr. Daniele Nardi

Ex-officio present: Dr. Ryan Hendrickson, Dr. Kurt Olausen, and Mr. Matthew Walters

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

Guests present: Ms. Paisley Adams, Ms. Brenda Cuellar, and Ms. Lauren Schuberth, and Ms. Krishna Thomas

- I. **Approval of the Minutes**
 - a. Dr. Hugo served as chair of the meeting. The minutes of September 8, 2017 were approved with no revisions.

- II. **Committee Assignments**
 - a. There are three committees operated within IEC: the International Student Scholarship Committee, the Study Abroad Committee, and the Special Projects Committee. The council reviewed the 2017-2018 members which are as follows:
 - i. **International Student Scholarship Committee**
 1. Members: Dr. Dietz, Dr. Hugo, Dr. Lee, Dr. Li Dr. Nardi,
 - ii. **Study Abroad Committee**
 1. Members: Dr. Anderson, Dr. Eydt- Beebe, Dr. Polydore, and Dr. Wang.
 - iii. **Special Projects Committee**
 1. Members: Dr. Polydore, and Ms. Lauren Schuberth

- III. **Study Abroad: Dr. Kurt Olausen**
 - a. **Study Abroad Fair Update**
 - i. The Study Abroad Fair was held on September 13, and it is estimated that 158 students attended, based on the sign-in sheet. This was a slight decrease in the number of students from previous years. A survey of students, who had attended, produced 21 responses, 71 percent of those respondents said they had an interest in studying abroad.
 - b. **Upcoming Deadlines**
 - i. The spring semester program and scholarship application is October 6. At this time, there are 15 students with active applications in the system. This is a decline from last spring, and Dr. Olausen hopes the two spring break programs will produce an overall increase for this year.
 - c. **Outreach Programs**
 - i. There have been a number of outreach activities since the last meeting. There was a Study Abroad Presentation about Latin America, as part of Latino Heritage Month, with 5 students on the panel talking about their experiences. Dr. Olausen spoke at the Rising Stars recognition ceremony, as well as at Academic Foundations Day. The office also participated in a presentation on teaching and studying in Asia that was organized by Dr. Lee. Next week, Dr. Olausen will speak with The Order of Omega, an honor society for students in fraternities and sororities. Study Abroad staff members continue to do class presentations on a regular basis.

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V. International Students and Scholars: Mr. Matthew Walters

a) International Recruitment Update/ Guest Speakers- Ms. Cuellar

i. Mrs. Cuellar did a presentation about her role in the office. Many of the students are in the Stem Programs. There has been some growth in African students this semester. She explained the recruitment for Latin American students. The strategy is called, Armchair recruitment. It is online. Students can log onto CWL (College Week Live) to communicate to Brenda. She does travel and recruit at the domestic level. She is planning a trip to Colombia and Brazil to recruit students. She mentioned partnerships with other Universities. Dr. Olausen helps leads that.

b) Admissions New Update Created by OISS/ Mrs. Thomas and Ms. Cuellar

iii. There is a new map on the website, where students from other countries can connect with our EIU international students. Students are more than likely to go to that University if they can communicate with those students. Faculty members can be a part of this system as well. Dr. Hendrickson thanks IEC and the office for implementing the program. The office uses social media to recruit students as well, including Facebook and Twitter. Dr. Wang encouraged the OISS to find ways to communicate with Chinese students. The office created a new email address to keep better track of emails from students who have an interest. There is an email, for current students. Ms. Cuellar stated there are 378 international students currently enrolled. There are 299 students on Optional Practical Training. Ms. Thomas reviewed the admissions requirement for students. There are 349 applications right now. We have admitted 71 students. Deadlines for applications are due Oct. 15 and Oct. 16 for scholarships. Undergraduates need at least 12 credit hours. Only 1 online course in each fall and Spring Semesters is permitted. Some ways for students to extend program are if they need to complete Thesis, to add a certificate for additional program, or complete requirements. Termination of Status: Academic Dismissal, failing to check in within 30 days, they don't maintain credit hours, and off campus employment without prior OISS approval.

c) Graduate Coordinator Training Session

iv. GA position- students must have a SS card. Make sure students arrive two or three days before the position begins.

VI. International Education Week

i. Mr. Walters provided tentative plans for campus activities related to International education week.

VII. AIS Update

i. No Report provided.

VII. TLC Update

ii. Ms. Cuellar came to visit the office. Students did not know where International office was located. They plan to make a visit to the OISS during Orientation day. Brenda should meet with students more than once a month.

XII. Dean's Report: Dr. Ryan Hendrickson

i. CAA ex Officio

Dean Hendrickson presented a proposal to revise IEC bylaws, permitting a member of the council on Academic Affairs to serve as an ex-officio member of the IEC. This proposal was unanimously approved. CAA will be informed about these changes and the approval of the committee.

ii. International Student Coordinator Search

Dean Hendrickson informed the Council that the search has been cancelled by the provost due to budgetary

Items Pending

A) None

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEXT MEETING

November 3, 2017

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