

MINUTES OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 11, 2009, 9:00 a.m., Blair Hall 3108

Members Present: Dr. Ronan Bernas, Dr. Stephen Canfield, Dr. Marko Grúnhagen, Dr. Tesa Leonce, Dr. Regina Nganga, Angie Norris, Shaukat Sheikh, Dr. Deborah Woodley

Members Absent: Dr. Marilyn Coles, Dr. Richard Sylvia, Jenn Yap

Ex-Officio present: Ms. Pam Collins, Ms. Marilyn Holmes

Ex-Officio absent: Dr. Robert Augustine, Ms. Sara Schmidt, Ms. Sue Songer, Ms. Wendy Williamson

Invited Guests present: Mr. Farhan Aziz, Ms. Marilyn Thomas

I. Welcome and Introductions: Dr. Canfield

II. Minutes of May 1, 2009, meeting: moved for approval by Dr. Woodley; seconded by Dr. Nganga, approved by acclamation.

III. Elections: Chair – Dr. Coles accepted nomination in absentia. Dr. Canfield moved to accept her nomination; Dr. Woodley seconded. No other nominations. Declared Chair by acclamation.

Vice-Chair: Dr. Leonce expressed interest if the meeting schedule might be moved earlier on Friday mornings. Dr. Canfield nominated her; Dr. Grunhagen seconded. Declared Vice-Chair by acclamation.

Dr. Canfield mentioned that a change had been made in the bylaws regarding term limits for Chair and Vice-Chair positions to two years for either position. However, the change had never been codified. Marcus Ricci said that he would research archived meeting meetings for the discussion.

Subcommittee appointments:

Scholarship – Coles; Leonce; Nganga; Grunhagen

Study Abroad - Canfield; Nganga; Bernas; Woodley; Collins

Projects – Schmidt; Songer; Sylvia; Leonce

Members discussed moving the meeting to an earlier time on Friday; possibly 8:00 a.m. or 8:30 a.m. The decision was tabled to confirm availability of Dean Augustine and Dr. Coles. (Ms. Norris arrived.)

IV. Presentation on upcoming Global Ambassadors events: Ms. Lori Henderson, Graduate School. Friday night will include a casual, non-RSVP reception in the University Ballroom; IPAC members were encouraged to participate in their individual departmental events. Saturday would include a luncheon hosted by Vice-President Jill Nilsen and a formal dinner and awards ceremony; please RSVP.

V. Reports:

A. International Students and Scholars: Ms. Holmes.

H1N1 flu update. Staff recently attended presentations by Dr. Baker, Health Services. Testing will be done on a symptom-based routine. Tamiflu will be given; students can commence school attendance after one flu-free day. Accommodations are being made for international students that cannot leave campus while sick.

Fall enrollment: 134 total; 44 new. FY09 – 144 total; 48 – new.

EU4: working with Chad Cross to start participation in “guaranteed 4-year graduation” program.

B. Study Abroad: Mr. Aziz:

Enrollment: FY10 – 29 total, some in non-traditional areas.

Coordinator: adding a new position that will be in charge of PR & Marketing. Posting deadline 10/23 and the hire will start work in December.

Study Abroad Fair: 290 persons attended. Five new faculty-led programs were introduced: China, Italy, Mexico, Panama, Australia/New Zealand. Dr. Woodley mentioned that Tent City during Homecoming will feature Dr. Chadd’s Italy trip (October 17). Members gave positive feedback on Study Abroad fair. (Leonce left.)

C. Dean’s report: Ms. Thomas:

International student tuition rates: A new “Distinguished Student” in-state tuition rate has been established for new undergraduate students from their entry semester through a typical four-year program. We are currently working on including new students transferring in. In addition, all graduate students will have a 2.7 multiplier instead of the current 3.0 multiplier; current state average is 2.4. If it can be shown that revenue will not be negatively impacted, then the multiplier may be reduced to 2.4 or 2.5. Also working on getting reductions in undergraduate tuition rate multiplier. For Fall 09, at least ten graduate students out of forty (25%) would have met these criteria (3.5 GPA).

Staff changes: Mr. Bill Elliott is Assistant Dean of Graduate International Admissions (75% Graduate School; 25% oversight of international admissions).

VI. Other Business

A. FY10 Meeting Schedule: 1st Friday of each month. Time will stay at 9:00 a.m. but may be moved earlier pending members’ availability; tabled.

B. IPAC Name Change: tabled.

C. Bylaws: changes will be pursued by the Executive Committee. Mr. Ricci will provide current bylaws to members.

D. Affiliates: members discussed the benefits of inviting EIU staff members that may not be faculty but do impact international education.

E. College participation: IPAC members should go to their Colleges and discuss their concerns and get feedback from their Administrative Council. Dr. Canfield will present a report from the Council of Chairs for the October 2 IPAC meeting. Dr. Nganga will present from CEPS in November; Dr. Grúnhagen will present from CBAS in December. Questions that IPAC members are to put to their college include: issues/concerns in the college pertaining to international education (study abroad, int’l students); current or proposed college international initiatives or programs or participating faculty.

F. IPAC Website: Mr. Ricci will contact the RSO office to determine Faculty Advisors for international student organizations. It may be better to deactivate links to old, non-updated websites and only keep links for current websites, or notate outdated websites.

Adjourned at 10:20 a.m.: moved – Dr. Grúnhagen; seconded – Dr. Canfield; accepted by acclamation.

NEXT MEETING: October 2, 2009, at a time TBA
Blair Hall Conference Room 3108
