

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

October 2, 2009

Members Present: Dr. Ronan Bernas, Dr. Stephen Canfield, Dr. Marilyn Coles, Dr. Marko Grūnhagen, Dr. Tesa Leonce, Dr. Regina Nganga, Angie Norris, Shaukat Sheikh, Dr. Richard Sylvia, Dr. Deborah Woodley, Jenn Yap

Ex-Officio present: Jeff Traub (for Ms. Pam Collins), Ms. Marilyn Holmes; Dr. Bonnie Irwin

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

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

I. Welcome and Introductions: Dr. Marilyn Coles

II. Approval of the September 11, 2009, minutes: motion: Dr. Canfield; second: Dr. Leonce; accepted by acclamation.

III. Presentation:

Dr. Canfield reported that the Council of Chairs recommended the following changes regarding IPAC operations: update the IPAC website, ensure access to IPAC information and activities, and assess the accuracy of the IPAC membership selection procedures. IPAC members further recommended that IPAC representatives meet with appropriate department, school, and college representatives regarding international education activities in order to provide reports to IPAC of these events. Reports will occur on the IPAC agenda in a rotational schedule so that all colleges may provide a report.

IV. Reports

A. International Students and Scholars: Ms. Holmes

- Global Ambassadors Summary: Ms. Holmes provided a copy of the Global Ambassadors Awards Program and summarized the events.
- Fall Enrollment Report: Ms. Thomas reported that 44 new international students were enrolled bringing the total Fall 2009 enrollment to 134 international students. This compared with 58 new students and a total of 148 enrolled in the Fall of 2008.
- New Undergraduate Tuition Rate: Ms. Thomas reported that first-time undergraduates with a minimum 3.5 GPA will be eligible for the new in-state tuition rate beginning the Fall of 2010.
- Vijayam Scholarship: Ms. Thomas reported that an anonymous donor has created a new scholarship through a philanthropic contribution the University Foundation to honor the three students from India who were killed earlier this year in a car accident. Policies for the award are in development.
- AIS Events: Ms. Holmes reported the following AIS Events: group picture; Champaign shopping trip; EIU homecoming parade and Tent City; paintball outing; "Sounds of the World" dance; Holiday Banquet (December 2).

B. Study Abroad: Farhan Aziz provided the following report:

- The study abroad program application deadline was 10/1
- Study Abroad scholarships totaling \$82,000 are available for FY10. Students may inquire through the Study Abroad Office.

C. Dean's Report: Dean Augustine was not able to attend the meeting and his report will be held for the November meeting.

V. Old Business

A. IPAC name change: the committee discussed suggested names - ACIE (Advisory Committee for International Education), CIE (Council on International Education) and IEC (International Education Council) – and the benefits of retaining the current name recognition versus alignment to current industry standards. The agenda item was tabled for discussion at the November meeting.

B. 2009-10 meeting schedule approval. Motion: Dr. Grünhagen; second: Dr. Nganga; acceptance by acclamation.

C. Bylaws update: The Executive Committee was appointed to oversee the bylaws revisions. Items for consideration by the Executive Committee include the following: Review of ex officio membership and affiliate membership, Review of membership selection procedures to clarify that the current procedures are effective, to affirm that the stated procedures are used, and to verify that the procedures ensure representation of faculty and students with international experience.

D. Affiliate Members: The Committee discussed affiliate members of the university community who would contribute to the enhancement of the international experience at Eastern. Affiliates might include representatives from Housing, Dining, counseling, financial aid, civil rights, or business services. Dr. Coles will work with International Students and Scholars staff to coordinate a review of affiliates who may collaborate with IPAC to further enhance international education. An area of important consideration for an initial review will include food service.

VI. New Business

A. Select upcoming college liaison presenters: November – Dr. Nganga; December-January – Dr. Grünhagen; December-January – Dr. Bernas/Leonce

B. Honors College: Dr. Irwin stated that they had three candidates going up for Marshall and Fulbright scholarships.

Adjournment 9:43 a.m.: motion – Dr. Canfield; second – Dr. Grünhagen

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEXT MEETING
November 6, 2009, at 8:30 a.m.
Blair Hall Conference Room 3108
