

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2010

Members Present: Dr. Ronan Bernas, Dr. Stephen Canfield, Dr. Marilyn Coles, Dr. Marko Grúnhagen, Ms. Stacey Jaksa, Dr. Tesa Leonce, Dr. Ralph Marshall, Dr. Regina Nganga, Mr. Shaukat Sheikh, Dr. Deborah Woodley

Members Absent: Dr. Richard Sylvia, Ms. Jenn Yap

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

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

I. Welcome and Introductions: Dr. Coles welcomed Ms. Jaksa, the new Study Abroad student representative.

II. Approval of the January 15, 2009, minutes: motion to accept by Dr. Canfield; seconded by Dr. Leonce; accepted by acclamation.

III. Reports

A. International Students and Scholars, Ms. Songer, Director, OISS. Ms. Songer reported on the Spring 2010 International Student enrollment. With yearly increases of tuition and three times the in-state tuition, OISS anticipated the slight drop to 124 international students on campus Spring 2010. Of those students, 76 are graduate and 48 are undergraduate. The spring enrollment consists of 41 females and 83 males. Ms. Songer presented graphs illustrating data on the current student body's country of origin, undergraduate/graduate level and by program major. India has the largest representation with 46 students, followed by Nepal, Korea, and Nigeria. The largest undergraduate international student major is business with 14 students, followed by Biological Sciences, Math, Political Science, and Psychology. The graduate enrollment is led by Technology with 37 students, followed by MBA, Chemistry, and Economics. The recruitment efforts continue with a scheduled trip by Ms. Holmes to India and the Middle East with ISN from February 12 to March 1, 2010. Also, community colleges continue to be the target of recruitment for the introduction of our new in-state tuition rate for students applying with a minimum 3.5 grade point average. The International Spring Awards Banquet is scheduled for April 13, 2010, at 5:30 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom.

B. Study Abroad, Ms. Williamson, Director, OSA. Ms. Williamson reported that the office has awarded 26 student scholarships totaling \$35,000. Five of these students received merit-based awards. She inquired about publicizing our scholarship award recipients' names and learned that it would be a violation of FERPA. She reviewed the current need-based scholarship determination procedures: the ranking formula, minimum criteria, financial need status, and the distribution of funds amongst awardees meeting minimum criteria. She then reviewed the current merit-based scholarship determination procedures: the ranking formula (identical as need-based) and the distribution of funds

amongst awardees. Ms. Williamson then reviewed the recent award numbers: Fall 2009 term – 30 total; Spring 2010 term – 58 independent and 35 faculty-led; Summer 2010 term – 30 independent and 167 faculty-led; grand total of 320. The deadline for faculty-led program applications has been extended to February 16, 2010. The deadline for independent summer applications is March 1, 2010.

C. Graduate School, Dr. Augustine, Dean, Graduate School. Dr. Augustine reported that he is working on the temporary replacement for Dr. Sylvia while he is on sabbatical; potential candidates are Dr. Rosemary Buck and Dr. Ruth Hoberman. He mentioned that the Interdisciplinary Center for Global Diversity is increasing interaction with IEC: Ms. Holmes is attending its advisory meetings and IEC may consider having an ICGD member attend its meetings.

IV. Items to be Acted On

Old Business

A. Bylaws update, Dr. Coles. Dr. Marshall moved to accept the proposed bylaws; Dr. Grünhagen seconded; no discussion; accepted unanimously.

B. Scholarships. Members discussed recent awarding of scholarships and the eligible applicant pool and that the Scholarship Committee provides awardee recommendations, not decisions.

V. Items Pending

A. Affiliates, Dr. Augustine. Although the IEC has historically been comprised of faculty and students and primarily handled issues regarding admissions and matriculation, there have been times when other offices have been involved for the benefit of the international student body, e.g., Dining Services regarding vegetarian meal selections. Dr. Augustine inquired if there was interest in having an Affiliate member status that would include representatives of relevant campus areas, e.g., Housing Services, Financial Aid, Career Services, Counseling Center. IEC could elect to have them periodically present to the IEC, or have them come to every meeting and be a non-voting member. This time could serve as an arena for compliments, as well. Members discussed the issue and it was proposed that Affiliates would come to a meeting once a year to present information and discuss issues and would not vote. Ms. Songer was asked to prepare a list of potential offices and the rationale for their involvement.

B. College of Arts and Humanities Liaison Report - Dr. Coles: scheduled for the March meeting.

Dr. Woodley moved to adjourn; Dr. Canfield seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Next meeting: Friday, **March 5**, 2009, 8:30 a.m., ****2116 Blair Hall Seminar Room****

Recorder: Marcus Ricci, OISS