

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

October 1, 2010

Members present: Dr. Ronan Bernas, Dr. David Boggs, Dr. Stephen Canfield, Dr. Marilyn Coles, Ms. Stacey Jaksa, Dr. Tesa Leonce, Dr. Dejan Magoc, Dr. Ralph Marshall, Dr. Linda Simpson, Mr. Shaukat Sheikh, Dr. Richard Sylvia

Members absent: Ms. Jenn Yap

Ex-Officio present: Mr. William Elliott (for Dr. Robert Augustine), Ms. Pam Collins, Ms. Sara Schmidt, Ms. Wendy Williamson

Ex-Officio absent: Ms. Marilyn Holmes (for Ms. Sue Songer)

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

Pre-meeting International Guest Reception, Ms. Bridget Carey, International Officer, Queen's University Belfast:

Ms. Carey gave an overview of QUB's demographics and programs and expressed interest in working with Eastern Illinois University to create study abroad programs.

I. Welcome and Introductions, Dr. Coles

II. Approval of the September 3, 2010, minutes, Dr. Coles

Motion was made by Dr. Simpson to accept the minutes as amended; seconded by Dr. Leonce; accepted by acclamation.

III. Reports

A. International Students and Scholars, Ms. Holmes (Coordinator) and Ms. Thomas (Admissions Specialist), OISS. Ms. Holmes' previously submitted report included the following items: a prioritized list of proposed IEC liaisons representing various offices and groups; a review of the fall semester's recruiting trips; and a list of fall events, including the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry student trip (October 8) and the Sounds of the World Dance (October 15). Dr. Coles asked the council to review the list of proposed liaisons and to be ready to select those that would be invited to future meetings. Ms. Thomas gave a comprehensive report on Fall 2010 international admissions, including applications, admissions, I-20s issued and enrollees, plus a summary of countries represented and the top majors. She also reported on how the new non-resident rate impacted admissions, including data on how many new students earned the new rate and their countries of origin and selected majors.

B. Study Abroad, Mr. Aziz (Coordinator) and Ms. Williamson (Director), OSA. Mr. Aziz reported that Spring Semester 2011 program applications are due on October 1, 2010, along with the scholarship applications for those programs. The IEC Study Abroad Scholarship Committee will probably meet in the middle of October and finalize the awards for Spring 2011 semester program students. The students will be notified after the meeting via e-mail about their scholarship award. Applications for the actual study abroad programs for Spring 2011 will still be accepted as long as the host school will accept the application.

There has been high flow and traffic of students in the Office of Study Abroad. The month of September was booked with advising appointments and walk-ins for students interested or applying for study abroad programs. Many of the students who have been coming in were freshmen. Ms. Williamson reported on a new program in Morocco (exchange) at Al Akhawayn University, the upcoming Spring Break program in Nicaragua, and the first-ever winter break program – a dietetics program at Apicius in Italy, conducted by Family and Consumer Sciences. Both she and Mr. Aziz will be presenting with other institutions at the regional NAFSA conference in Detroit, Michigan, and she has been invited to present at Florens 2010, an international education workshop in Florence, Italy. The recent study abroad fair had a record-breaking 500+ attendees. The second article in her series for the *Chronicle of Higher Education* will be posted next week on October 8. Enrollment for FY10 study abroad programs reached 347. Ms. Brown will be traveling to the MCTS meeting and looking at a new program in Germany.

C. Graduate School, Mr. Elliott (Assistant Dean) Graduate School. Mr. Elliott and Mike Murray (Philanthropy) met with Drs. Scott A.G.M. Crawford, Roann Kopel, and Alan Baharlou to discuss the International Courtyard project. Participants agreed to work together to support the capital campaign. Suggestions were made to help support the campaign including using existing funds to obtain a more detailed plan to be presented to potential donors, and creation of a donor list. A future meeting is tentatively scheduled for mid-October. Sue continues to recover from the injury she sustained while attending the national NAFSA conference in Kansas City in June. At this time the Dean anticipates that her convalescence will require an extended absence from her duties. Dean Augustine has met with Provost Lord to discuss options to support the OISS Office in the interim, and may have more to report at the next meeting. Mr. Elliott recognized the OISS staff for their work in processing both an increased number of new students and an ever-increasing number of applications with fewer staff members.

IV. Items to be Acted On

A. IEC Event Proposal: International Education Council Welcome Event for International Faculty and Study Abroad Faculty, Dr. Coles. International faculty and study abroad faculty represent a unique community of scholars with expertise and experience advancing international education. The IEC Executive Committee proposes that an annual event be developed to welcome and recognize this group of faculty for the following purposes: thank/recognize them for their international leadership, inform them of IEC, AIS, the Global Ambassadors Plaza, and related international issues, and strengthen their networking with IEC and commitment to international education. The event would also communicate to international faculty the importance of recruiting international students. Although the fall semester is full of events, it was considered the better alternative to a spring event. Dr. Coles stated that the Executive Committee would continue to discuss the event.

B. Presentation Proposal: College of Sciences/Department of Economics, Dr. Coles. The Department of Economics under the leadership of Dr. Linda Ghent has developed the first collaborative Master's degree program in conjunction with an international institution. The IEC Executive Committee proposes that the Department provide a formal presentation on the proposal during the November IEC Meeting as the first Report from Activities in Colleges. Members agreed to inviting Dr. Ghent to present.

C. Presentation Proposal: Lumpkin College Business & Applied Sciences/School of Technology, Dr. Coles. The School of Technology under the leadership of Dr. Mahyar Izadi has developed the first 2 + 2 program with an international partner. The IEC Executive Committee proposes that the School provide a formal presentation/update on this initiative during the December 2010 Meeting as the second Report from the Colleges.

Members agreed to inviting Dr. Izadi to present on the 2 + 2 program, as well as on the college's overall approach to international education, in his role as Interim Dean of the college.

Dr. Canfield asked if the council was planning to continue with the reports by the IEC college liaisons to the full council. When asked about a report from the College of Arts and Humanities, Dr. Sylvia suggested that Dr. Bonnie Irwin, the new dean, be invited to present her ideas to increase the college's participation in international education. Dr. Marshall suggested that the council invite the dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies to present the college's plan for international education and/or an overview of the departments' IE programs. Dr. Canfield reminded members that Dr. John Stimac is the new dean of the Honors College and the council may wish to ask him to continued the college's historically strong support for international education.

V. Items Pending - none

Dr. Canfield moved to adjourn; Dr. Marshall seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Next IEC meeting: Friday, November 5, 2010, 8:30 a.m., **3108 Blair Hall Conference Room**

Next IEC Executive Committee meeting: Friday, October 8, 2010, 8:30 a.m., Dr. Augustine's office

Scholarship Committee meeting: Friday, October 15, 2010, 8:30 a.m., TBA

Recorder: Marcus Ricci, OISS