

# INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION COUNCIL

## Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2011

**Members present:** Dr. Ronan Bernas, Dr. David Boggs, Dr. Stephen Canfield, Dr. Marilyn Coles, Dr. Dejan Magoc, Dr. Linda Simpson, Mr. Shaukat Sheikh, Dr. Tesa Leonce

**Members absent:** Dr. Richard Sylvia, Dr. Ralph Marshall

**Ex-Officio present:** Dr. Robert Augustine, Ms. Wendy Williamson

**Ex-Officio absent:** Ms. Pam Collins, Ms. Sara Schmidt, Mr. Kevin Vicker

**Invited Guests present:** Ms. Lisa Brown; Mr. Farhan Aziz; Mr. Jerry Donna and Ms. Jenny Stout, Office of Financial Aid (OFA); Dr. Heather Webb, Office of Judicial Affairs (OJA)

### I. Welcome, Dr. Coles

### II. Liaison Presentations

#### A. Jerry Donna and Jenny Stout, Office of Financial Aid

Mr. Donna and Ms. Stout answered questions from council members regarding financial aid. Students file FAFSA after their income tax is filed. OFA processes files on a fall-spring-summer cycle and status is determined 3-5 days after the file is verified. 30% of students are selected for verification process which is required federally. FAFSA is based 100% on financial need. FAFSA includes PELL (federal) and MAP (state) grants as well as loans. OFA auto-accepts all grant awards for students and all students are offered loans. Loans are deferred until 6 months after a student graduates and they have 10 years to pay them back. OFA and OSA are working together and requiring all students studying abroad to consult with Jenny, however MAP will not cover most faculty-led study abroad programs because they are structured as sponsored-credit. The PELL can be applied to anything. OFA also applies private scholarship money but does not manage scholarships. EIU currently manages private scholarships in a decentralized manner and a committee is now determining how to centralize and better serve the student. International students are not eligible for the MAP or the PELL, but can apply for the study abroad scholarships.

#### A. Heather Webb, Office of Judicial Affairs

Dr. Webb explained that as long as a student is in "good standing" with EIU they are eligible to study abroad. If a student has obligations to complete, such as community service, they are asked to complete that first. Dr. Webb can offer advice as to whether the student is appropriate for the study abroad experience. All students are expected to abide by the EIU "code of conduct" while abroad in addition to behaving as an ambassador of the U.S.A.; this information is reviewed during pre-departure orientation. Dr. Webb advises that faculty stay in touch with the OSA regarding student behavior.

Presenters left at 9:45 a.m.

### III. Approval of the December 3, 2010, minutes, Dr. Coles

Motion was made by Dr. Canfield to accept the minutes; seconded by Dr. Leonce; accepted by acclamation.

### IV. Reports

**A. International Students and Scholars, Ms. Holmes (Coordinator, OISS).** New student arrivals this spring semester are double that of last spring semester. The top three countries of origin are: India, Nigeria, and China.

**B. Study Abroad, Ms. Williamson (Director, OSA).** Wednesday, January 29 from 10am-3pm is the Study Abroad Fair. Faculty-led program deadline is early February. A representative from the University of Winchester is coming next week on Thursday and Friday. Wendy is traveling to Northern Cyprus to inquire about a new program. Spring numbers are lower than usual, but student consultations are up so there should be an increase in numbers for summer and fall.

**C. Dean's Report.** Dean Augustine reported that Sue Songer is progressing and has been allowed to drive. Kevin Vicker is adjusting to the Interim Director position. Review of Global Ambassador awards is being held on September 24 and 25, 2011. The kick-off event for the Global Ambassador Plaza is being planned for February 18, 2011. Dr. Augustine reported that President Perry is going abroad.

**V. Items to be Acted On**

**A. Global Ambassador Nominations.** Dean Augustine reported that Antonis Ladopoulos (Music) and Claudia Niessing (CDS) will be accepting their Global Ambassador award this fall. They were previously nominated and unable to attend in 2009. The Council was presented with two new nominations, Eva Pfanzelter Sausgruber (History) and Ching-cheng Huang (Elementary Education) and asked to approve these nominees.

Motion to approve Sausgruber made by Dr. Leonce, seconded by Dr. Bernas. Council approved unanimously to approve. Motion to approve Huang made by Dr. Boggs, seconded by Dr. Bernas. Council approved unanimously to approve.

Dr. Simpson moved to adjourn; Dr. Boggs seconded. The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Next IEC meeting: February 4, 2011, 8:30 a.m., 3108 Blair Hall Conference Room

Next IEC Executive Committee meetings: February 11, 8:30 a.m., Dr. Augustine's office

Recorder: Lori Henderson, Graduate School