

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2013

Members present: Dr. Eric Bollinger, Dr. David Boggs, Dr. Lania Knight, Dr. Dejan Magoc, Dr. Ryan Hendrickson, Dr. Stephen Canfield, Dr. Marilyn Coles, and Ms. Sara Boro.

Members absent: Dr. Dan Carter, Dr. Jacquelyn Frank, Vaskar Nepal KC

Ex-Officio present: Dean Augustine, Mr. Kevin Vicker, Ms. Wendy Williamson, Ms. Sara Schmidt.

Ex-Officio absent: Ms. Beth Craig

Invited Guests present: Ms. Kelly Holland, Ms. Nancy Meese.

I. Welcome, Dr. Magoc

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion for December Minutes approval was made by Dr. Marilyn Coles and second by Dr. Lania Knight and approved.

III. Reports

a. Dean's Report: Dean Augustine

Dean Augustine gave an update of the Global Consortium. A meeting with the anonymous donor was going well until the donor decided he wanted an addition to the proposal, a way to connect an international country and students with Business and Agriculture Business here in the production of more and better food. It would offer scholarships and assistantships for students, opportunities for visitors of Business people and/or professors and opportunities for domestic students to connect with international countries and cultures. The proposal was finalized last November and sent to the Donor.

Sending the donor profiles of 3 successful EIU International alumni, suggested Dean, would provide the donor the insight of our International program.

This Philanthropy is unpredictable and is 7-figure new money for EIU, for professors and students to visit and study other countries. Dr. Canfield asked if the proposal was for just one country. Dean Augustine replied it was to partnership with 1 country for 2 years and the next 2 years partnership with a different country.

b. International Students and Scholars: Mr. Kevin Vicker

The numbers for 10-day enrollment for Spring is 150 with 68 undergraduates and 82 graduates, a shift from last semester of 50 undergraduates and 94 graduate students. New arrivals are 33 students, 38% of the 87 issued 1-20s. Of the 33 new arrivals, 13 are undergraduates, 5 more than last spring, and 20 graduate students, down 2. Korean students are the highest number due to the large cohort with Korea.

The International Education Award for Excellence in Competitiveness and International Student Recruitment document was sent to IEC members for review. Dean Augustine made the motion to approval the Excellence Award, Dr. Canfield seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

In regard to the Language Center, there is concern the rooms are small for instruction after the tour of Thomas Hall. The rooms would now provide for approximately 8 students. The removal of a couple of wall would provide the space needed as students increase. Mark Hudson has issued a request for the removal of a couple of walls in Thomas Hall. Another meeting is scheduled with the Language Company January 17. There is another site the Language Company is considering. The site will be given to the first to sign contract.

Dean Augustine stated Kevin has been instrumental in the progress of the Language Center on EIU campus. He has completed the contract procedure. Now the last hurdle is the removal of a couple of walls in Thomas Hall. For the Director of Housing to seek the cost of removal of walls is amazing. It is estimated \$10,000 to remove each wall. EIU has a pool set for remodeling purposes. If so, accreditation process will proceed and the Language Center will open for Spring 2014.

The Language Center will be occupying a complete floor in Thomas Hall. Dean Augustine added the Center will have its own entry and students will be able to live in Thomas Hall. The Language Center will have offices also on the floor. It is a great location on Campus. The students will have access to some of the EIU functions and will be able to enter EIU or choose other colleges after completing their Language Center requirements. The Language Company is looking for a site that has easy access to other campuses.

The number of students anticipated for Language Center the first year or so, is 25-30 student and as high as 80 students as the Center progresses. Students must pass the Language Center's level 9 for completion of Center and TOEFL requirement. The goal is to have 3 classrooms of 15 students each.

Kevin thanked Dean Augustine for all his support with the Language Center. He also had proposal for Agents for the Center, money will be taken from tuition. It is proposed creating a new allocation of resources or an account.

c. Study Abroad: Ms. Wendy Williamson

Ms. Williamson finishing a survey for students who have studied abroad from last year to determine the number of Study Abroad/Senior Seminar classes for Fall semester. We are also looking for teachers for the classes.

Paper work has begun for Study Abroad Coordinator search. Ms. Holland will head the committee. Ms. Holland stated the Coordinator position will be posted online and close applications on February 15. Phone interviews are scheduled for March 1 and on-campus interviews March 16.

The Spring Banquet is April 18. A Student Abroad award and a Faculty award will be awarded

Ms. Holland gave an update of Study Abroad programs for Spring semester. Last Spring Semester 61 students studied abroad, 26 for the semester and 35 on Spring Break. Spring 2013 has a total of 59 studying abroad, 32 for the semester and 27 for Spring Break. Applications for Summer Study Abroad close today. There are 128 students studying with faculty led programs and 43 students with independent study for Summer.

Scholarships went well and are finished. Beth assisted with reading the 61 applications. The average GPA of the applications was 2.4.

Kevin stated Marilyn Holmes will be out of the office for 6-8 weeks. He will tend to Ms. Holmes's responsibilities.

Dr. Magoc asked beginning date for the Coordinator search. Ms Holland stated the ad for the search would go online next week.

Meeting adjourned 9:30 a.m.

Recorder: Nancy Meese, International Student and Scholar Office.

Next meeting scheduled February 1, 2013 Blair Hall 3108.