

**INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION COUNCIL**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**October 3, 2014**

**Members present:** Dr. John Willems, Dr. Kesha Coker, Dr. Christiane Eydt-Beebe, Dr. Robert Petersen, Dr. Catherine Polydore, Dr. Daniele Nardi, Dr. Rigoberto Chinchilla, Ms. Denise Jimenez

**Members absent:** Ms. Shifa Shamim, Dr. Zhiwei Liu, Dr. Rose Gong

**Ex-Officio present:** Mr. Kevin Vicker, Sara Schmidt, Dr. Kurt Olausen

**Ex-Officio absent:** Dean Augustine, Ms. Beth Craig

**Invited Guests present:** Ms. Zandra Anderson, Mr. Chuck Ashe, Ms. Marissa Guenzi

**I. Welcome and Introductions:** John Willems

Everyone introduced themselves again. New members were welcomed.

**II. Sub-Committee Updates**

a. A brief description was given for each sub-committee

b. Subcommittee Members

1. Scholarship Committee

Marilyn Thomas  
Daniele Nardi  
Christiane Eydt-Beebe  
Catherine Polydore  
Kesha Coker

2. Study Abroad Committee

Kurt Olausen  
Beth Craig  
Sara Schmidt  
Rigoberto Chinchilla  
Denise Jimenez  
Robert Petersen

3. Projects Committee

Kevin Vicker  
John Willems  
Christiane Eydt-Beebe  
Zhiwei Liu  
Chuck Ashe  
Shifa Shamim

4. Executive Committee

Dean Augustine  
John Willems  
Robert Petersen  
Kevin Vicker  
Kurt Olausen

c. A motion was made and accepted to add the Projects Committee to the By-laws. The new wording will be brought to the committee for approval at the next meeting.

**III. Approval of Minutes** September 2014 minutes were approved

**IV. Reports**

a. Dean's Report: Kevin Vicker

1. ISSRI Proposal is based out of Carbondale, IL. Reggie Phillips, a local businessman, presented the proposal. There are still questions but things are still moving forward for students from China to come in the Spring 2015. No admission requirements are being waived in the admission process. It is most likely we will receive ten graduate students and possibly fifty undergraduate students.

2. The International Education Week is the third week of November. A student intern is working on the details. More information will be available at the next meeting.

3. The NCA Site visitors will be meeting with the Graduate and OISS during the week of October 20-22. Members of the IEC may be asked to answer questions or attend meetings.

- b. International Students and Scholars: Mr. Kevin Vicker
1. There are currently two visiting scholars from China. They are visiting the Chemistry and English departments. On October 24, 2014 there will be a reception honoring Hector D. Flores, a Fulbright Scholar from Honduras, and the other visiting scholars. It will be held in the Charleston-Mattoon Room in the MLK Union from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.
  2. The Language Company should have NCA approval on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Everything is ready for the start date. SEVIS approval is expected to come by the end of today. Two students from South Bend are already enrolled. The Staff is ready and the Center is ready. Rigoberto began discussion about the need for conversational partners. Christiane suggested that language teacher/students could serve as language partners. Kevin mentioned that there are also plans in the future for an ESL Teaching program here at EIU. Chuck said that by Level 9, the TLC students will be able to attend EIU classes. Chuck will be traveling to China this month to represent both EIU and TLC.
  3. The number of students who have received initial admission in Spring 2014 has increased by 100 students in Spring 2015. Thirty students have received admission for the Spring in the Technology Dept. There are 324 applications still waiting. The deadline for applying is October 15<sup>th</sup> and October 25<sup>th</sup> for all documents to be received. There has been an increase in applications in other departments.
- b. Study Abroad: Dr. Kurt Olausen
1. Kurt addressed the issue about how course credit is determined for SA courses. Course credit for all Study Abroad courses is set by IGP. Lecture and study time is considered, as well as day trips in the country. The students are expected to have 34 hours of engagement in activities per credit hour. The syllabus also needs to be listed as a requirement.
  2. About 300-400 people attended the Study Abroad Fair.
  3. Spring Semester Scholarships will be decided soon.
  4. Kurt also reported on new items in Study Abroad. EIU has joined with "Generation Study Abroad". The SA office will be giving each SA student an e-book entitled A Student Guide to Study Abroad. A copy is available to each member of the IEC. The SA office will be able to track who is reading the book so that they can track how the book is helping with the SA experience.
- Catherine's office has assigned students to do some research as to why students choose not to study abroad.

#### V. New Items

1. "Run for the World" will be held November 15. It is a fund raising event for AIS and will also generate funds to help students with financial needs besides tuition. The run is 5K. Teams of five can run for \$25 or individuals can run for \$10 each.
2. Kevin will bring the results of the International Student Survey to the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned 9:50 a.m.

Recorder: Zandra Anderson, International Students and Scholars Office

**Next meeting will November 7, 2014**

**Blair Hall Conference Room 3104**