

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
December 6, 2013

Members present: Dr. Rigoberto Chinchilla, Dr. Marilyn Coles, Dr. Ryan Hendrickson, Dr. Lania Knight, Dr. Dejan Magoc, Dr. John Willems, Dr. Tesa Leonce

Members absent: Dr. Dan Carter, Dr. Jacquelyn Frank, Ms. Zeenat Chaudhary, Mr. Nicolas Ferry

Ex-Officio present: Ms. Beth Craig, Mr. Kevin Vicker, Ms. Sara Schmidt

Ex-Officio absent: Dean Augustine

Invited Guests present: Ms. Aimee Romack, Ms. Zandra Anderson, Mr. Evan Lohmann, Ms. Marilyn Thomas, Mr. William Elliott

I. Welcome and Introductions: Dr. Lania Knight

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion for November Minutes approval was made by Dr. Marilyn Coles and second by Dr. John Willems.

III. Items to be Acted On

a. ITEP language score proposal

Marilyn Thomas researched and compared what other universities accept for ITEP to meet the English language requirements. She clarified the required scores: undergraduate score is an overall assessment level of 4.5 a score 5 is standard for graduate students with the highest possible score being 6 TOEFL required score is 61 for UG and 79 for GR the ITEP benchmarks are on the higher end of the scale when compared to the minimum TOEFL requirement.

Kevin Vicker met with the president of The Language Company. The advantage of additional types of testing gives the students more choices with different costs. Our agreement with The Language Company is to accept level 9 for undergraduate and advance levels for graduate students.

Dr. Coles stated that a higher score is better for the international students. Students with lower score requirements may struggle more in their studies. Ms. Thomas stated that other tests are offered. This proposal gives students more options and is more cost effective versus the TOEFL.

Information concerning the language scores we currently accept is listed on the OISS website under requirements.

Approval motion was made by Dr. John Willems and second by Dr. Marilyn Coles

IV. Reports

- a. Dean's Report: Mr. William Elliott
Dean Augustine is leading CGS in San Diego today.
 1. Search for Director of Study Aboard
A search committee has been formed, Dr. Canfield is the Chairperson.
The timeline is as following: January-credential reviews, February-phone interviews
March-campus interviews, and the plan is to hire by June and the new director to start in July.
 2. Refinancing Study Aboard
Currently the Study Aboard focus group is working on priorities. The first meeting was held in November to discuss the current model. Multipliers have been put together and will be ready for review at the February meeting.

- b. International Students and Scholars: Mr. Kevin Vicker
 1. Spring 2014 Admissions Report
Ms. Marilyn Thomas reported that the number of Graduate student applicants has grown dramatically. Most of them are Technology applicants coming from India
There are not enough seats in the Technology Dept. therefore some of the students were offered seats in Sustainable Energy. Those are also full now so students were asked to defer their applications to Fall 2014.

Dr. Cheney and Dr. Liu have discussed a cost analysis for the department on the benefits of admitting the new technology students. They would like the Technology Graduate School to grow. This may also help the undergraduate program in the future. It was suggested a statement should be made to the Provost explaining the benefits for EIU.

Kevin Vicker will write up a proposal for the Provost and request Dr. Cheney's analysis to send to the board.

 2. Update on Lumpkin School of Business Award
The requirements are listed on the international website. It is a one-time award for new students for this Fall 2014. A scholarship of \$1,500-2,000 will be given based on an essay and GPA to a maximum of 10 students.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Hendrickson asked about the increase of students coming from Saudi Arabia. Kevin stated that this will continue to increase when The Language Company comes to EIU. Saudi students mainly study Business and Economics. The GMAT is difficult for Saudi students. We currently have 3 students pending with the MBA program who are in a language program and who need to re-take GMAT due to low scores.
Dr. Willems said there are GMAT prep classes and the University of Illinois offer these classes. The U of I also sends prep materials to Dr. Willems.
Kevin met with Dr. Joy Russell from the Education Dept. about their proposal for K-12 graduate certificate program to include International Students. This is to teach ESL in K-12 Certificate Program and is on track for this summer. There will be families coming into The Language Company who have K-12 children.

- c. Study Abroad: Mr. Evan Lohmann
 1. The deadline for Spring Break programs and faculty grants is today, December 6th.
Two Spring Break trips are planned and a meeting will be held about scholarship to be offered next week.

V. Sub-Committees

- a. Updates

b. Koerner Scholarship

Kevin shared that 36 essays were submitted for the Koerner Scholarship Award. Kevin will narrow down the applications to the top 10 and send them to the IEC members for review. This award will be recognized at our Spring Banquet.

Meeting adjourned 9:50 a.m.

Recorder: Zandra Anderson, International Students and Scholars Office

Next meeting scheduled February 7, 2014

Blair Hall Conference Room 2116