

## **INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION COUNCIL**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**December 7, 2012**

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

**Members absent:** Dr. Dan Carter, Dr. Jacquelyn Frank,

**Ex-Officio present:** Mr. Kevin Vicker, Ms. Wendy Williamson, Ms. Beth Craig.

**Ex-Officio absent:** Dean Augustine,

**Invited Guests present:** Ms. Marilyn Holmes, Ms. Nancy Meese.

#### **I. Welcome, Dr. Magoc**

#### **II. Approval of Minutes**

Motion for November Minutes approval was made by Dr. Stephen Canfield and second by Dr. Marilyn Coles and approved.

#### **III. Reports**

##### **a. Dean's Report: Mr. Kevin Vicker**

The Anderson Memorial Service will be held Saturday, December 8 at the Welcome Center.

An anonymous donor has generously contributed \$2 million for Global Consortium. This donation designated for study abroad students from other countries at EIU to gain knowledge in agriculture with the farmers in Central Illinois. Dean Augustine and 7 members from different departments will meet to develop a Graduate Fellowship program for a Masters degree in agriculture system and government. A separate \$10,000 exchanges will be provided for use between faculty in Business Department and other departments related to agriculture in Central Illinois. EIU will provide faculty-based study abroad program with the partner country. It will be a 4 year program with inviting 1-2 farmers, 1-2 Business people, 1-2 government individuals from Central Illinois to partnership with 1-2 University faculty, 1-2 Business and 1-2 government persons from the participating country to learn from us, and we learn from them.

b. International Students and Scholars: Mr. Kevin Vicker

Spring 2013 International undergraduate admission applications are down from last Spring. The graduate applications have increased, and issued I-20s increased by 23. There is a large graduating Technology class. The total admission is expected about ½ of what Fall admissions were, 30-35 in Spring. Approximately 40-45 applications are receiving visas.

The International Education Award for Excellence in Global Competitiveness and International Student Recruitment has been reviewed and revised. It will be sent to the IEC members. This award is to be presented in March to a department that exhibits efforts in recruiting international students and providing quality learning experiences. The department will receive marketing money, media exposure and advisement from the Office of International Students and Scholars. Kevin will send the information and will have approval in January.

The Language Center committee has been meeting with Dr. Weber, Provost Lord, Dean Augustine and Dr. Nadlar. Details are being reviewed, such as service offered for the students. A meeting with the attorney is scheduled for next week for the rough draft of the contract. A charge per room for the Language Center students is one item to be reviewed. Accreditation will be at least 1 year after the contract approval. The site has been approved. It will be Spring 2014 for the Language Center to be available to students. We appreciate Dr. Weber's support. This Center will offer something on campus that will benefit EIU and the area. Site visit of Thomas Hall will be in a year.

Kevin has been working on joint degree programs with 2 universities in China. A chemistry joint degree with Institute of Chemistry Ceylon is being reviewed, a 2+2 with potential 2+3 with Masters Degree. He is also consulting with Shenyang Jianzhu University Urban Construction College in Northern China for a potential 2+2 program in Applied Engineering and Technology.

c. Study Abroad: Ms. Wendy Williamson

Good news is the CAA has passed the Study Abroad/Senior Seminar proposal. Ms. Williamson thanked all members for their support at CAA meeting.

Ms. Williamson stated we are in the process of forming partnerships with universities in Croatia and Slovenia, (University of Zagreb and University of Ljubljana), two countries we currently do not send faculty and students for Study Abroad. We have developed a service agreement with the University of Zagreb for faculty-led program and are discussing other possibilities. The University of Ljubljana is interested in developing an exchange with us.

Study Abroad Coordinator search will be again this year for the temporary coordinator's term ends August, 2013. The following have volunteered to be on the Search Committee: Ms. Sarah Schmidt, Dr. Lania Knight, Dr. Canfield and Dr. Magoc.

In regard to the Study Abroad/Senior Seminar proposal and CAA, a teacher for the course is needed. Teachers interested will be presented at the January meeting. A survey of students anticipating attending Study Abroad/Senior Seminar will be taken to determine number of needed sections.

Ms. Marilyn Holmes has been involved in Cultural Programming with Dr. Paige and her 3 classes. The students asked the International students about their culture. Kevin suggested we try to create marketing events or items of interest of International students to submit to the DEN. Ms. Holmes stated she has seen a growth in communication of the activities of International students.

Meeting adjourned 9:30 a.m.

Recorder: Nancy Meese, International Student and Scholar Office.

**Next meeting scheduled January 11, 2013 Blair Hall 3108.**