

**International Education Council
Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2015
Blair Hall Third Floor Conference 3108**

Members present: Dr. John Willems, Dr. Lania Knight, Dr. Catherine Polydore, Dr. Kesha Coker, Dr. Robert Petersen, Ms. Denise Jimenez

Members absent: Dr. Rose Gong, Dr. Daniele Nardi, Dr. Ahiwei Liu, Dr. Rigoberto Chincilla, Dr. Shamim Shifa

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

Ex-Officio absent: Dean Augustine

Invited Guests present: Mr. Chuck Asche, Ms. Aimee Romack

I. **Welcome and Introductions:** Dr. Willems, chair

II. **Approval of the Minutes**

The January 2015 minutes were approved. Dr. Petersen and Dr. Olausen requested that the heading be changed from agenda to minutes.

III. **Reports**

a. **International Students and Scholars: Mr. Kevin Vicker**

1. **Spring Enrollment Update**

We have 280 current students enrolled for the spring semester.

2. **Fall Application Update**

Applications are up in volume. We have 372 applications so far this year. We had 337 last year.

3. **Language Center Update: Mr. Chuck Asche**

The Language Center has tripled in size with 4 new instructors with international teaching experience. Students from China, Jordan, Saudi, Panama, and Korea so far. Mr. Asche met with SACM two weeks ago. They gave updates on the center and talked about new centers and types of study. The grand opening of our center on campus will be held February 20th, 2015 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Thomas Hall. TLC will have 20 students in the next 3 months become ready for EIU fall enrollment. Two students who were admitted to EIU were referred back to TLC due to their struggle with classes. They are working on pricing for a summer camp with Mr. Kevin Vicker. Class sizes have been small with one on one to one on six. Mr. Asche still needs homes for a few male students.

4. **Recruitment Update**

Mr. Vicker said Bill Elliott went to SACM and they spoke very highly of EIU. Dr. Kesha Coker updated the Trinidad and Tobago report. They met with Izadi to get support for another trip. They may be going back in July for a presentation working on the sustainable energy program. They are trying to organize an outreach program for students and parents for EIU. Mr. Vicker stated we may have some students coming to TLC from our

Partner University. Mr. Asche may be going to China to meet with our Partner University.

5. Staff Update

The office for International Students and Scholars is waiting on the PAR for Zandra's replacement.

b. Study Abroad: Dr. Kurt Olausen

1. Summer Application Numbers

The summer program has 119 applications so far. Many are not at the minimum budget requirement so the deadline for applications has been extended until February 12th. One program with two applicants cancelled. We are trying to move these students to another program. The social geography Germany Belgium program has been cancelled.

2. Summer Scholarship Applications

We have received 72 applications for study abroad scholarships. Dr. Olausen is looking into details for a Trans-Atlantic scholarship. It is based at a university in Spain. The group that provides this is trying to reestablish a relationship with EIU and would waive the membership fee for the first year. It would provide semester long courses in four week blocks.

3. New Partnerships

Dr. Olausen discussed a partnership council on international exchange CIEE. They have been working with universities for 65 years. They are highlighting the global institute in Berlin with several scholarships in the range of \$6000 each. They have a list of tracks they offer for departments. They also run faculty development seminars. A small membership fee of \$450 a year is required. The scholarship opportunities offered out way the membership fees.

Dr. Olausen also noted EIU was listed in bestcolleges.com. Out of 50 schools EIU came in at 14. They highlighted our FCS program in Africa.

IV. Dean's Report

No deans report this meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEXT MEETING

March 6, 2015

Blair Hall Conference Room 2116