

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2014

Members present: Dr. Lania Knight, Dr. Marilyn Coles, Dr. Ryan Hendrickson, Dr. Jacquelyn Frank,

Members absent: Dr. Dejan Magoc, Dr. John Willems, Dr. Tesa Leonce Dr. Dan Carter, Ms. Zeenat Chaudhary, Mr. Nicolas Ferry, Dr. Rigoberto Chinchilla

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

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

Invited Guests present: Mr. Evan Lohmann, Ms. Marilyn Thomas, Ms. Zandra Anderson

I. Welcome and Introductions: Dr. Lania Knight

II. Approval of Minutes

Without a quorum, approval was not possible. Approval will be considered at the March 7th meeting.

III. Items to be Acted On

IV. Reports

- a. Dean's Report: Mr. Kevin Vicker
 1. Search for Director of Study Abroad
Dr. Canfield, Kevin Vicker and the Search Committee have narrowed the search down to three candidates.
 2. Global Ambassadors
A list of the 14 nominations will be emailed to all members for consideration.
Members will vote via email for approval or disapproval. They should also state any concerns they may have about any nominations. (Six "yay" votes were received.)

- b. International Students and Scholars: Mr. Kevin Vicker
 1. Fall 2014 Application Report
Ms. Marilyn Thomas reported that the number of graduate student applicants continues to grow. Three hundred thirty seven students have already applied for FALL 2014 versus 226 as of this date for Fall 2013. Spring 2014, 104 students arrived, along with transfers, to make a total of 223 International students currently enrolled. Undergraduate applications are dwindling. The Technology Department has the largest group of students. Kevin shared that students from India are attending universities that are not in the top 100 ranking here in the US. Students from China, however, are mainly attending the top 100 ranked universities. Currently only 2% of the Chinese students attend universities such as EIU.

 2. The Language Company
Kevin has begun the application process for The Language Company to receive approval by the Illinois Board of Education in April. TLC needs approval from them because they will be on campus. They are not a curriculum based third party, but are being considered in the same manner as outside food vendors. Therefore it will go for secular review. Kevin checked on this and could not get information on the review progress. Northern Illinois University is also going

through this process so Kevin checked with them. They said it takes a long time to receive approval. TLC needs approval before they can apply for SEVIS certification.

3. The International Award Banquet will be held on April 9th at 5:30 p.m. Dr. Knight will be the Master of Ceremonies. OISS emailed the department chairs asking them to send nominations for department awards. IEC committee members should let the department chairs know if they have suggestions.
 4. ITEP language scores received approval to be accepted for Fall 2014. The next steps are to begin a partnership proposal and put on the International webpage.
- c. Study Abroad: Mr. Evan Lohmann
1. The deadline for Spring Break programs and faculty grants was moved to February 7th. One hundred applications have been received. They are working with Continuing Education.
 2. Fifty scholarship applications have been received. Dr. Frank and Ms. Schmidt are helping Evan review the applications. They will be decided on Monday and announced on Wednesday. Last year 97 students went on Faculty Led trips. One hundred fifteen have applied for this year. Evan will be pushing and promoting the program more.
 3. STA 4000 Summer Class is set up for this summer. Dr. John Oliver asked to teach this course and would like to offer it as an online course. This is good for graduating seniors who will not want to come back to campus to complete the course. A revised course proposal is being prepared to teach STA 4000 online in the Summer 2014. Dr. Coles shared that they are looking for professors to teach STA 4000 next year. Dr. Knight asked how approval is given for CAA. The IEC is in favor of offering this course.
 4. Harlaxton. They are accepting one or two visiting faculty members. Dr. Knight is going in Fall 2014. They have begun accepting applications for 2015-16. Guidelines are available on their website. Dr. Coles and Evan will go through the applications. This is good for both students and faculty. This is will discussed with faculty before the meeting in April.

V. Sub-Committee

a. Scholarships

1. Sudip Paudel won the Carl P. Koerner Scholarship. Two more essay awards will be given in the Fall 2014.
- b. Faculty Led Study Abroad for Summer 2015 will have program proposals are due in April.
- c. Housing Concerns. Kevin shared some changes possibility coming in the Housing policies for the University Apartments. These changes could affect the International students. Kevin will find out the details and possibly a written proposed policy. The IEC may be asked to send a statement in response.

VI. Pending

- a. The new Study Abroad Director
- b. Evan will be tracking how many Faculty Led trips there have been and how many students have gone one these trips over the past 10 years.

Meeting adjourned 10:00 a.m.

Recorder: Zandra Anderson, International Students and Scholars Office

Next meeting scheduled March 7, 2014
Blair Hall Conference Room 3108