

**International Education Council  
Meeting Minutes  
March 6, 2015  
Blair Hall Second Floor Conference 2116**

**Members present:** Dr. John Willems, Dr. Lania Knight, Dr. Catherine Polydore, Dr. Kesha Coker, Dr. Robert Petersen, Dr. Daniele Nardi, Dr. Zhiwei Liu

**Members absent:** Dr. Rose Gong, Denise Jimenez, Dr. Rigoberto Chincilla, Dr. Shamim Shifa

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

**Ex-Officio absent:** Dean Augustine

**Invited Guests present:** Mr. Chuck Asche, Ms. Aimee Bowersock, Ms. Laura Humphreys

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

II. **Approval of the Minutes**

The February 2015 minutes were approved.

III. **Reports**

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

1. **Fall Enrollment Update**

We have received 546 applications. 128 undergraduate applications and 418 graduate applications. This is 20 more applications received than the same time last year. 82 students have been admitted. At this time last year we had admitted 60 students. There has been an increase in applications for biology and kinesiology.

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

The grand opening of our center on campus was held February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Everything went well. 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. Mr. Asche and Mr. Kevin Vicker are still working on developing a summer camp. TLC recently met with the English Department. They discussed curriculum for the 1000 and 1100 level courses. They want to ensure that their curriculum matches what is expected of students. Dr. Lania Knight expressed that she will be teaching these classes in the fall. Mr. Asche suggested they set up a meeting to discuss curriculum. He also stated TLC could offer professional development training to staff.

3. **China Proposal Update**

Mr. Vicker met with President Perry and the Educational Consulting Firm. It has been agreed that the original agreement no longer fits with Chinese government standards. There are new guidelines they want the agreement to align with. At this time the agreement must be rewritten in order to move forward. Dean Augustine is working on this.

**b. Study Abroad: Dr. Kurt Olausen**

**1. Continuing Education Update**

Dr. Olausen stated that as of the fall 2015 semester all faculty-led programs will go solely through the study abroad office.

**2. Study Abroad Update/Summary of Approved Programs**

Dr. Olausen shared the study abroad 3-year trends as part of his update. You will find these numbers listed below. He also stated that the study abroad office is working on making the application process easier.

**2012-13**

FA12	21
SP13	58 (includes 12 on faculty-led spring break)
SU13 Faculty-Led	97
SU13 Independent	35
TOTAL	211

**2013-14**

FA13	35
SP14	20
SU14 Faculty-Led	87
SU14 Independent	45
TOTAL	187

**2014-15**

FA14	17
SP15	35 (includes 14 on faculty-led spring break)
SU15 Faculty-Led	95 (this is still somewhat in flux)
SU15 Independent	33 (this is still somewhat in flux)
TOTAL	180

**2015-16**

FA15	13 (as of 3/5/15)
SP16	3 (as of 3/5/15)

The faculty-led program deadline for summer 2016 is March 26, 2015.

**3. Scholarship Update**

Dr. Olausen stated that the University of Limerick in Ireland is offering scholarships for STEM fields of research. Information will be sent out about this. He also has put in for a \$7,500 grant. If approved it would help 6 students. He stated that more students need to apply for the Gilman scholarship. There was discussion about possibly holding workshops for students to help make them aware of scholarship opportunities.

Dr. Olausen also shared that Harlaxton College in England is looking for faculty to teach in the 2016-2017 academic year. They are taking applications now. Dr. Lania Knight expressed that she has participated in this program. She highly recommends the experience. It is a great chance for professional development.

#### **Tuition Update**

Mr. Kevin Vicker shared that there is no update for the International Scholarships at this time. Until we have an approved budget and the university board makes a decision about in-state-tuition rates for international students we cannot move forward.

#### **4. Holi**

Dr. Olausen let IEC know that students on campus will celebrate the Hindu festival Holi April 24, 2015. This will be the same day as the start of Celebration.

#### **IV. Dean's Report**

No deans report this meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEXT MEETING**  
**April 3, 2015**  
**Blair Hall Conference Room 2116**