

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
April 4, 2014

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

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

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

Ex-Officio absent: Dean Augustine, Ms. Sara Schmidt

Invited Guests present: Mr. Mark Hudson, Ms. Kelly Miller, Mrs. Zandra Anderson

I. Welcome and Introductions: Dr. Lania Knight

II. Housing Policy Changes Report: Mark Hudson and Kelly Miller

Mark and Kelly gave a report on the possible new changes in policies in housing in the University Apartments. They shared major concerns with the International Students living in the University Apartments:

- roommate conflicts
- late night parties
- apartments not empty, therefore no maintenance or repair can be done

After much discussion it was suggested that changes in the housing policies include:

- International Students wanting roommates be offered apartments in the University Court Apartments
- Possible online roommate match-up site be established to help in selection of roommates before they come

Mark stated he will continue to work with Kevin to resolve this issue.

III. Approval of Minutes

Without a quorum, approval was not possible. Approval will be considered at the May 2nd meeting.

IV. Reports

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

1. The search for Director of Study Abroad has still not been resolved.
2. Letters have been sent to possible new members for next year's IEC.

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

1. The International Banquet will be held on April 9, 2014 from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
2. The number of applicants is now over six hundred eighty five. Only one hundred three of these applicants have been admitted as of this date.
3. Kevin gave a brief report on his visit to Linyi University in China. Former graduate student, Zhibo Wang, is teaching there. An invitation has been given to President Perry to visit the university in July. Kevin hopes that Provost Lord will be willing to attend. Linyi University is also interested in a faculty exchange and the possibility of a visiting scholar. They offered EIU an office for recruitment of Chinese students.

c. **Study Abroad:** Dr. Marilyn Coles

1. Two faculty members have been appointed to Harlaxton. Dean England will make the decision as to who will be chosen.

2. All Faculty Led Study Aboard has been submitted. They will meet on April 18th to decide.
3. In May, Mr. Elliot, Mr. Vicker, Mr. Lohmann, and Ms. Aimee Romack will attend the NAFSA.
4. HOLI, the Hindu festival of color will be held on April 25th to celebrate Spring.
5. "Join the Paperless Party" Dr. Coles shared some information on the possibility of the International Student Office and Study Aboard going paperless with students' files. She has researched Terra Dotta and Sunapsis International Office Module.

The advantages include:

- One less staff position
- Integrates with Banner
- Answers Students questions
- Cannot leave blank spaces in questionnaires
- Makes sure students understand before they sign
- Faculty Proposals
- ESL Programs
- Scholarships
- Agreement with other organizations.

Kevin said the Bill Elliot is also researching going paperless in the OISS.

Meeting adjourned 10:30 a.m.

Recorder: Zandra Anderson, International Students and Scholars Office

Next meeting scheduled May 2nd, 2014

Blair Hall Conference Room 3108