

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

April 5, 2013

Members present: Dr. Dejan Magoc, Dr. Jacquelyn Frank, Dr. Stephen Canfield, Dr. Marilyn Coles, Vaskar Nepal KC, Dr. Lania Knight, and Dr. Ryan Hendrickson

Members absent: Dr. Dan Carter, Dr. Eric Bollinger, and Ms. Sara Boro

Ex-Officio present: Dean Augustine, Mr. Kevin Vicker

Ex-Officio absent: Ms. Sara Schmidt.

Invited Guests present: Ms. Marilyn Thomas, Ms. Nancy Meese.

I. Welcome, Dr. Magoc

II. Approval of Minutes

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

III. Reports

a. Dean's Report: Dean Augustine

Dean Augustine has sent requests for reappointment of IEC members for 2013-2014. A summer IEC members' update will be based on these requests. Thanks to the Study Abroad Coordinator search committee, Evan Lohmann will join us in July. Ms. Wendy Williamson will be leaving May 6th instead of June. She is working with Ms. Kelly Holland on an interim. The search for Study Abroad director will take time for the right match for EIU and us. Dean Augustine reported Ms. Holland wanted to share there were 37 applications for scholarships and 26 were given with a 3.5 average. There will be 2 exchange students going to Korea.

A survey across the country indicates International student applications are down. The applications are also down from China due to funding. Ms. Marilyn Thomas stated the reduced rate has had an impact on applicants which has helped International students.

Study Abroad is being challenged again with applications being down. Study Abroad is affected by the economy and living and traveling expenses.

- b. International Students and Scholars: Mr. Kevin Vicker
Kevin left March 16th to visit partners and new partners with 2+2 and exchange programs in China and Korea. In 4 cities in China, he visited with alumni working in China. Applications are up 20% from previous year from China. United States is "Number 1" choice for Chinese students to apply with engineering interests. An agreement was signed with Shenyang Jianzhu Urban Construction College in Architecture at their site and Construction at EIU, perspective for students is for Fall 2013. Hangzhou, partner, has sent fewer students than in 2009. At Hankou University we have a 2+2 in Business Administration which their president came here to sign. Students are anticipated to arrive Fall 2014.

Korea was interesting with the present situation with North Korea. Kevin met with the university which has sent 13 students past 3 years. Seoul has sent 3 applications for Fall 2013. Dr. Hendrickson inquired about the yield of recruitment incentives with agents in those areas. Kevin stated the numbers are not huge but beginning to grow. Although agents are available and some market for them, it is difficult to work with an agent because of the financial structure.

The English Language Center is anticipated for January 2014. We are signed and ready to start the Center.

International Awards Dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, in the Grand Ballroom with a reception scheduled for 5-5:30 p.m., dinner at 5:30 p.m. and awards at 6:15 p.m. Dr. Magoc will be a speaker, and Dr. Frank, Dr. Boggs and Dr. Coles have volunteered to present awards. President Perry and Provost Blair Lord will also be presenting awards. The scholarship recipients will be recognized.

Ms. Marilyn Thomas reported the Excellence Award for undergraduates were awarded with 44 offered reduced rates which is 65% or almost two-thirds. When this award began it was approximately 30-35%. Excellence Award is pulling 3.5 and above GPA students. International scholarships were awarded to 14 graduate students. Students cannot hold both awards. We still have 3 or 4 slots to fill.

Enrollment for Fall 2013 is mostly up. The number of undergraduate applications is slightly down. Totals are running ahead of last year about one month.

Kevin reported the School of Technology was only entry for the Excellence Award. The committee requests the approval of awarding the School of Technology this award. Motion for the approval of School of Technology receiving the Excellence Award was made by Dr. Knight and second by Dr. Canfield and approved.

After a discussion of possible agenda items for the May 3 meeting, the May meeting is canceled. Next meeting will be in September.

Meeting adjourned 9:45 a.m.

Recorder: Nancy Meese, International Students and Scholars Office.

Next meeting scheduled September 6, 2013 Blair Hall 3108.