

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
September 5, 2014

Members present: Dr. John Willems, Dr. Rigoberto Chinchilla, Dr. Kesha Coker, Dr. Christiane Eydt-Beebe, Dr. Robert Petersen, Dr. Catherine Polydore, Ms. Shifa Shamim, Ms. Denise Jimenez

Members absent: Dr. Dan Carter, Dr. Zhiwei Liu, Dr. Veron Woodley

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

Ex-Officio absent:

Invited Guests present: Ms. Zandra Anderson, Mr. Chuck Asche

I. Welcome and Introductions: Dean Augustine

After welcoming everyone, Dean Augustine introduced Mr. Chuck Asche, Director of The Language Company, and Dr. Kurt Olausen, Director of Study Abroad. He also brought greetings from Dr. Lania Knight.

Dean Augustine asked Dr. Willems to serve as temporary chair. Everyone introduced themselves.

II. Election

a. Chair and Vice-Chair

Dr. John Willems was nominated and elected as Chair

Dr. Robert Petersen was nominated and elected as Vice-Chair

b. Subcommittee Members

1. Scholarship Committee

Marilyn Thomas

John Willems

Dan Carter

Catherine Polydore

Kesha Coker

Shifa Shamim

3. Projects Committee

Kevin Vicker

John Willems

Christiane Eydt-Beebe

2 more members needed

2. Study Abroad Committee

Evan Lohmann

Beth Craig

Sara Schmidt

Rigoberto Chinchilla

Denise Jimenez

Robert Petersen

4. Executive Committee

John Willems

Robert Petersen

Dean Augustine

Kevin Vicker

Kurt Olausen

III. Approval of Minutes May 2014 minutes were approved

IV. Reports

a. International Students and Scholars: Mr. Kevin Vicker

1. International Student enrollment is up again this Fall. Most of the students are coming from India and China. There are about forty different countries represented this year. Kevin will bring a list of the countries at the next meeting. Most of the students are in the Technology programs, followed by MBA programs. Sixty-four percent of the students are graduate students. Congratulations were express to Kevin for successfully recruiting students.

2. One Fulbright scholar is studying at EIU this year. There will be a reception honoring Hector D. Flores from Honduras next week.

3. Housing: All the students have been able to find housing off campus or have chosen to move to University Court. Most have moved out of the University Apartments.

4. Recruitment plans include using online methods such as live-chats and Facebook. The OISS

plans to be involved with College Week Live, an online student fair sponsored by the US Government. Chuck Asche will be traveling to Taiwan this fall to recruit for EIU and The Language Company. Evan Lohmann will be traveling to Nepal and India during the Thanksgiving break.

5. The Language Company: Kevin formally introduced Chuck Asche, the new director of The Language Company. Chuck shared that 98% of past students have stated they would take the program again. It offers good prices and smaller class sizes. TLC is a family run program. The president is a former international student. The program is done in a series of four weeks. Level 9 allows the student college acceptance. The curriculum is defined and set. One teacher has been hired. The classes will grow each month. The TLC students will be given EIU ID's and allowed access to campus facilities. TLC is located on the first floor of Thomas Hall.

b. Study Abroad: Dr. Kurt Olausen

1. The number of students involved in Study Abroad has been declining. One hundred twenty eight students went in 2013-14. The national average of a university student population to participate in SA is about 2%. EIU's average is 7.2% of the graduates have been involved so EIU is above the National average.
2. EIU has renewed membership with The Forum on Education Abroad. Kurt is on the Committee. Also he has joined Generation Study Abroad.
3. The Study Abroad Fair will be held next week in the Union Ballroom. Everyone is welcome to come visit it.

c. Dean's Report

1. The International Faculty Luncheon was held on September 3rd. This luncheon is held every year to give the new faculty a chance to meet other international faculty. It was well attended.
2. The Global Ambassadors will be honored this coming week. Dean Augustine encourage members of the IEC to attend as many of the activities as possible.
3. New Proposals:
IISRI Proposal- Students from China will study one year in China then complete their graduate studies here at EIU. The Chinese representatives believe they may have as many as 100 students to send by next year. We have agreed to a smaller number. Undergraduate students will also be able to study in China one year and complete the next three years here. The partnership is with Arthur Daniel, Global Partnership Construction.

President Perry and Vic-President Martin have renewed the proposal for SA students and International students in the area of agriculture. This will come through a grant from Archer Daniel Midland Company.

The Study Abroad department is working on a new financial model.

After some discussion concerning how course credit is decided for SA, Kurt agreed to bring an update on how course credit is approved for SA trips.

Meeting adjourned 10:30 a.m.

Recorder: Zandra Anderson, International Students and Scholars Office

Next meeting will October 3, 2014

Blair Hall Conference Room 2116