

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
September 6, 2013

Members present: Dr. David Boggs Dr. Dan Carter, Dr. Rigoberto Chinchilla, Dr. Marilyn Coles, Dr. Ryan Hendrickson, Dr. Lania Knight, Dr. Dejan Magoc,.

Members absent: Dr. Eric Bollinger, Dr. Jacquelyn Frank, Dr. John Willems.

Ex-Officio present: Dean Augustine, Ms. Beth Craig, Mr. Kevin Vicker, Ms. Sara Schmidt, and Ms. Kelly Holland.

Ex-Officio absent: None

Invited Guests present: Ms. Marilyn Thomas, Ms. Nancy Meese, Mr. Evan Lohmann.

I. Welcome, Dr. Magoc

II. Items to be Acted on

a. Election of Council Chair

Dr. David Boggs nominated Dr. Lania Knight for Council Chair. Ms. Beth Craig second the nomination. The vote was unanimous for Dr. Knight as Council Chair.

b. Election of Council Vice Chair

Dr. Ryan Hendrickson was nominated for Council Vice Chair by Dr. Marilyn Coles and second by Dr. Dan Carter. The vote was unanimous for Dr. Hendrickson as Vice Chair.

c. Sub Committee Assignments

There are three IEC sub committees:

1. Study Abroad Committee reviews scholarship essays and faculty-led proposals. Members are Dr. Frank, Dr. Magoc, Dr. Hendrickson and Ms. Holland.
2. Scholarship Committee evaluates International applicants' essays and recommends applicants for International Student Scholarships. Members are Dr. Coles, Dr. Magoc, Dr. Bollinger and Ms. Marilyn Thomas.
3. Project Sub Committee develops new programs as the English Center and work on awards as the Excellence Award. The English Center is progressing. Applying for accreditation is scheduled for January, 2014, then the Center completion approximately July or August. Members are Ms. Schmidt, Dr. Knight, Dr. Carter, Dr. Coles and Mr. Vicker.

An email will be sent to IEC members concerning the three Sub Committees and the duties of each for volunteers for the available seats.

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion for April Minutes approval was made by Dr. Coles and second by Dr. Boggs and approved.

IV. Reports

a. Dean's Report: Dean Augustine

NCA Self Study video presentation was viewed. The NCA Self Study for accreditation of Eastern to assure the public of its commitment for quality. The steps in the accreditation process are: 1. Conduct a self-study, 2. Complete a site visit, October 21-22 and 3. Receive a report from the NCA site team of the Higher Learning Commission (HCL) of the North Central Association (NCA) Colleges and Schools. The Accreditation Criteria consist of 1- Mission, 2-Integrity: Ethical and Responsible Conduct, 3- Teaching and Learning: Quality, Resources, and Support, 4- Teaching and Learning: Evaluation and Improvement, and 5- Resources, Planning and Institutional Effectiveness.

Each member is encouraged to complete the online survey, attend one or more First Friday Seminars, review and edit the feedback on the self-study drafts, attend presentations at Board and Council meeting and attend session during the site visit to assist with NCA Self Study.

Dean Augustine stressed for each to complete the survey, and encourage your colleagues to do so. The mission was discussed at the September First Friday meeting. October 4 is the next NCA Seminar.

The Global Ambassador Program recognizes outstanding contributions of our international alumni. Also, domestic people will be recognized for launching career at international locations. Around September 20, 2014, this is before Homecoming and beautiful weather, is the date for the next Global Ambassadors. This time of year allows the ambassadors to visit people they may have lived with or their EIU departments and touring the local community. We invite the ambassadors to the campus. Once arriving at O'Hare, transportation, housing, and food functions are provided. A reception with President Perry will be scheduled. A community welcome event will include people who knew the ambassadors while attending EIU. Then a formal banquet on Saturday, and Sunday a farewell breakfast are scheduled.

Dean Augustine encouraged the IEC members to consider people from their departments to nominate for Global Ambassadors. The nominations should be submitted by January, 2014. He would prefer to have 8-12 alumni to be recognized for Global Ambassadors. The past Global Ambassadors may be viewed on the website.

A new International courtyard is planned to be built in front of Blair Hall with the concept of mosaic tiles to represent countries and flagpoles. Once completed will be a nice place for International student.

International Faculty Luncheon is today in the University Ballroom. It is for EIU international faculty members to network with other International campus people.

Dr. Chinchilla, who was an International student, was grateful for the last year's first Thanksgiving dinner held at Lincoln Gardens for International students organized by Dr. Wafeek Wahby. Kevin suggested we help Lincoln Gardens with the Thanksgiving dinner this November. Ms. Zandra Anderson, of the Family and Friends program, is also planning a dinner once a month with the International students.

- b. International Students and Scholars: Mr. Kevin Vicker
Ms. Thomas reported Fall 2013 new student enrollment is up with receiving 59% of the admissions offered. It has almost doubled since Fall 2012. Our total international enrollment increased. Last year we had 153 International students on campus while this Fall there are 203 International students. Enrollment by class level is 72 undergraduates and 140 graduate students. We have 76 students from India. The impact of reduced tuition showed 2/3 of undergraduates requested the reduced rate. Our International students represent 44 different countries. Business is the top major for undergraduates and Technology for graduates. Top country with the most undergraduates is South Korea and India for graduates.

Kevin stated more South Korean students are on campus due the dual and joint agreement. The Language Center has sent 4 Saudi Arabian students. With a dual and joint agreement, enrollment from Saudi Arabia will increase. All Saudi Arabian students are provided scholarships from Saudi Arabia. Students from India obtain EIU information by word of mouth.

Plans are to exceed our expectations in the future with mainly student referrals, of cost effectiveness and available campus job for international students. Also, work with Student Ambassadors and encourage students to market EIU in their home country. Facebook and Skype are also available marketing sources. In the marketing EIU in Middle-East is being explored by contracting a website to translate to Arabic and by the social media.

Dual and Joint degree agreements are being explored with Bangladesh in the Fall which will produce more students. Since undergraduate inquiries from Vietnam have increased, agreements with Vietnam are being considered. Kevin will visit Vietnam in Spring. He will be in India in October.

Challenges for us are accommodations for student employment on campus. If you have a job for International students, please contact us. Young Kwon and Jin Ma were hired as Graduate Assistants. Their assistance with Orientation was great and is excellent answering online questions.

Dr. Knight inquired if International student have expressed interest in an English Composition course. Kevin stated a few students, not a large number, take English 1000 course,

- c. Study Abroad: Ms. Kelly Holland
Global Ambassador Nomination Criteria was reviewed and discussed revisions.
1. The nominee must hold an undergraduate or graduate degree from Eastern Illinois University. Both domestic and international alumni may be recognized for their achievements.
 2. The nominee must not be an employee of Eastern Illinois University at the time of the nomination. An employee is someone who currently holds a faculty, staff, or administrative appointment with the University.
 3. The nominee is at least 3 years post degree at the time of nomination.
 4. The nominee has achieved excellence in their respective field, and exemplifies global citizenship.
 5. The nominee exhibits a level of prominence in their position and/or has achieved recognition for accomplishments or contributions in the international arena.
 6. Programs who nominate retired alumni should show that the nominee had achieved a position of prominence and/or recognition at the time of retirement.

Dr. John Willems suggested removing “and/or” in criteria 5 and 6 and make it “and” in both.

Dr. Chinchilla made the motion to approve the Global Ambassador Credit Criteria and second by Dr. Carter. Voting was unanimous.

A Study Abroad Survey for Faculty is progressing. An open meeting is planned to discuss the survey questions.

The Study Aboard 4000 course with Bonnie Erwin is going well this semester with 20 students.

Scholarships for Study Abroad for 2013 were on a downward slope. There were several students who returned scholarship money for economic reasons. There were 82 scholarship awarded for a total of \$64,000.

Assistance for students planning to study abroad is on the website. Thirteen Study Abroad programs are in the planning for 2014 if the numbers of students is obtained. Financial Aid has been a huge help in providing the students the whole financial picture of studying abroad. They have developed a worksheet for students to complete estimating the money needed to study abroad.

V. Items to be Acted On.

- a. Changes to Scholarship Process: Scholarship process with Continuing Ed deadline was March for flight in May. There can be 20-40 applications to process. Ms. Holland suggested committing to ½ day to read all the applications and financial aid. Also, change the Scholarship deadline to February rather than March, allowing longer planning time for students. Faculty-lead Study Abroad deadline be moved to January 31.

Dr. Knight made motion to change the deadlines and process for Scholarship process with Dr. Coles second. Quorum was not present and will ask for electronic voting.

Meeting adjourned 10:15 a.m.

Recorder: Nancy Meese, International Students and Scholars Office.

Next meeting scheduled October 4, 2013

Blair Hall Conference Room 2116