

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

September 7, 2012

Members present: Dr. Boggs, Dr. Stephen Canfield, Dr. Dan Carter, Dr. Marilyn Coles, Dr. Lania Knight, Dr. Dejan Magoc, Vaskar Nepal KC.

Members absent: Dr. Eric Bollinger, Dr. Jacquelyn Frank, Dr. Ryan Hendrickson,

Ex-Officio present: Kevin Vicker, Dr. Sara Schmidt, Beth Craig.

Ex-Officio absent: Dean Augustine, Wendy Williamson.

Invited Guests present: Ms. Marilyn Thomas, Ms. Lori Henderson, Kelly Holland, Ms. Nancy Meese.

I. Welcome, Dr. Magoc

Dr. Magoc welcomed Kevin Vickers was introduced as the Director of International Students and Scholars and Study Abroad.

II. Items to be Acted on

a. Elections

1. Dr. Magoc was unanimously elected Chair, nominated by Dr. Canfield and Dr. Coles second.
2. Stephen Canfield was unanimously elected Vice Chair, nominated by Dr. Magoc and Dr. Coles second.
3. Subcommittees: An email describing each committee will be sent for additions or changes with members.

Approval of Minutes

Motion for May Minutes approval was made by Dr. Coles and second by Dr. Canfield and approved.

III. Reports

- a. Dean Augustine, reported by Kevin Vicker
Kevin introduced the newly appointed members Dr. Beth Craig replacing Dr. Pam Collins and Vaskar Nepal the President of Association of International Students.

An update of the Global Ambassador Program, September 21-23, was given by Lori Henderson. The following Global Ambassadors will be on campus:

Eva Pfanzelter, Germany, nominated by History Department

Sarah Zaman, Pakistan, nominated by Community Studies Department

Abdoulaye Traore, Burkina Faso, nominated by MBA Department

Praneeth Kandavalli, India, nominated by Technology Department

A Welcome Reception will be held on Friday, September 21 at the Old Main Foyer at 11 a.m. The Academic Departments will host luncheons and afternoon events and presentations. The Association of International Students will host an informal Welcome Reception at 6:00 a.m. in the University Ballroom. On Saturday, campus tours, luncheon hosted by Vice President Martin and introduction to the Proposed Global Ambassador Courtyard.

A social hour at 5 p.m. and a formal dinner at 6 p.m. are scheduled. RSVP is requested for the dinner. Thanks to Marilyn Coles for providing the music for program.

The Global Ambassador Program is on the Web. Invitations were emailed and mailed invitation went to off campus and strong supporters of EIU.

b. International Students and Scholars:

Marilyn Thomas stated enrollment is slightly down from last fall. The overview of students is down but is up on application pool. The admission of I-20 is based on academics and financial proof. Students with I-20s not arriving may be due to their entry visa, better offer from another school or family reasons. Fifty percent of the students issued I-20s arrived. The majority of International Students at EIU are from India. The enrollment is basically holding over the last 4 fall semesters. We have 26 new undergraduates and 13 new graduate students, which is down from last fall.

Kevin will be in Nepal, Pakistan, and China to meet with university representatives and presenting presentations. Due to having inquiries daily, more time will be in Nepal. An adjunct teacher will also be moving to Nepal. We have 3 students from the area: 1 from Korea and 2 from University of China from Knojo.

Student exchange numbers are good this fall. There are 8-10 schools in which the students are able to for financially free with scholarships and on waivers except for paying for housing.

The Technology department has the largest International Student population followed by Economics, Chemistry and MBA departments.

The English Language Center is moving forward. Last Spring housing for the Center students in the north Thomas Hall was discussed with Dr. Nadlar. Presently, Kevin is continuing working with the Provost Lord, Dr. Cross, Dr. Nadlar, and Mr. Hudson on the basic recommendations. The big issue is money. EIU will receive \$100 income per student for a 4 week period which includes any fees, for example the Recreation Center and so forth. Dr. Nadlar suggested fees for the students for campus services in order for the student to be part of EIU. Housing wants the \$100 without other fees included. SEVIS is taking 1 year for approval from time of submitting the Language programs to accreditation. Kevin hopes the program will be approved by January, 2013 but may be 2014.

Ms. Holland stated the final Senior Seminar Proposal was postponed last spring. Ms. Wendy Williamson will be meeting with each college committee and their councils to comply with the bylaws.

The Study Abroad office is now fully staffed. We welcome Sarah Grandstaff has joined us. Averages of 8-10 students have been advised for studying abroad this fall. There have been 276 abroad students. Now there are 21 students abroad with 8 of these student teachers. Study Abroad Fair is Wednesday, September 12. Students who have studied abroad and professors will be available at the Fair. Scholarships are being pushed for this year. The scholarship form has added a new checklist and the essay may be written on the back of the form. For spring, scholarships will base on 75% financial and 25% academics as well as the GPA being basic for applications.

Meeting adjourned 9:35 a.m.

Recorder: Nancy Meese, International Student and Scholar Office.

Next meeting scheduled October 5, 2012 Blair Hall 3108.