

## INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION COUNCIL

### Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2011

**Members present:** Dr. Stephen Canfield, Dr. Marilyn Coles, Dr. Dejan Magoc, Dr. Ryan Hendrickson, Dr. Dan Carter, Dr. Lania Knight, and Dr. David Boggs

**Members absent:** Dr. Linda Simpson, Dr. Ryan Hendrickson, and Dr. Eric Bollinger

**Ex-Officio present:** Dr. Robert Augustine, Dr. Pam Collins, Ms. Sara Schmidt, and Ms. Wendy Williamson

**Ex-Officio absent:** Mr. Kevin Vicker

**Invited Guests present:** Ms. Sara Boro, Muhammad Rizwan, and Ms. Kelly Holland

#### I. Welcome, Dr. Magoc

#### II. Items to be acted on

- a. International student fee increase and change in apartment contract moved to next month's meeting because we did not have a quorum to vote.

#### III. Approval of the March and April 2011, minutes, Dr. Coles and Dr. Magoc.

Minutes for March and April approved motion made by Dr. Canfield and second by Dr. Carter, minutes approved.

#### IV. Reports

##### A. Office of Study Abroad, Ms. Williamson (Director, OSA).

Wendy started her report by introducing her new staff member Kelly Holland, Coordinator of Study Abroad and her Graduate Assistant who is the Student Representative, Sara Boro. Wendy stated that their department received eleven scholarship applications so far this semester. She said they typically send three hundred to three hundred and fifty students abroad and the numbers are down right now. Wendy also passed out the Study Abroad Profile print out, an overview of the Study Abroad numbers; this form can be found on the first page of the Study Abroad website.

#### V. Liaison Presentations

**A.** Dr. Xiaxia Hu, our visiting scholar from the Department of Technology gave a presentation on Zhejiang University. He went over the pros and cons, challenges, and his research work that he is conducting for Eastern Illinois University. Dr. Hu spoke about the size of campus at Zhejiang, 34,000 students, how beautiful the country is, and the number of majors, doctoral, and masters degrees to choose from. He also discussed quality of students and education, research and dynamics in Mechanical engineering, and his research here on campus in Vibration Control and Renewable Energy. For more information Dr. Hu referred us to the Zhejiang University's website [www.zjut.edu.cn](http://www.zjut.edu.cn).

**B.** Dean Poulter spoke on behalf of Dean Irwin who was ill. Dean Poulter reported the Arts and Humanities faculty is hosting Mr. Li, a visiting student/scholar. She spoke about Marilyn Coles doing international recruiting; they had five students in the music department. Communication studies have a program in New Zealand and they will be starting a pilot program, a three year program with Harlaxton University. They have 50-70 students that apply but they only take 10 students to teach around the world. She noted that it was important to stay in touch with them as they are abroad and when they come back to help them engage their studies. Dean Augustine asked Dean Poulter what she could share with to increase the number of international students in Arts and Humanities. The Dean said the students should study abroad early in their careers. Dean Augustine had an idea to pull students together who study abroad into a conference setting so they can share their experiences. Dean Poulter spoke about when the students return from studying abroad how there

is not a lot of discussion with other students with the same major about the experience. Dr. Canfield mentioned a program that brought together more than one discipline should be involved.

C. Mr. Li, our visiting scholar/student from the Department of English, spoke about the research that he is conducting on Don DeLillo. The reference he spoke of was "White Noise" which was a book that was forbidden in China for a long period of time. He is doing his research on the relationship between terrorism and literature. He is studying the Chinese counterpart and writing about post modern research. He stated that he will be here for one year, until next August to complete his study.

**B. International Students and Scholars, Mr. Vicker (Interim Director, OISS) Reported by Dean Augustine on behalf of Mr. Vicker.**

Dean Augustine gave an update about ELS. He stated that Kevin met with Marilyn Coles and discussed some possibilities 1. Combine with Lake Land Community College and offer the program. 2. EIU offers the language course, provide the teachers and funding. 3. Bring in an ELS program and decide who will run the whole program. Kevin and Bill Elliott met with Lake Land Community College about the possibilities.

Dean Augustine spoke about the update in the University Apartment Contract which would add a clause holding the scholars responsible to the condition of the apartment when they leave that it be clean. This will be a "Gentle Agreement"

Dean Augustine also discussed the possibility of raising the International Student Fee gradually over three years, \$5.00 per year for the next three years. The last time the fee was increased was in 1999. The Dean reported that Kevin was at Chung Nam National University in China for recruitment and discussing our Dual Degree program.

**C. Dean's Report, Dean Augustine**

The Dean reported that we are replacing Sue Songer and doing a national search. The search committee consists of Dean Augustine, Dr. Coles, Dr. Magoc, Dr. Hendrickson, Dr. Simpson, Mr. Bill Elliott and Ms. Samuktya Ghimire.

**D. Items Pending**

Dr. Magoc went over the International Student Ambassador program that we may consider offering here. We would have a group of students who would represent their country and our institution. They would sign a contract with more responsibilities and get a scholarship in return. The students would be responsible for doing presentations, planning events, and mentoring. The title would be Ambassador of the University. We will explore more avenues when Kevin Vicker returns. Dr. Magoc concluded by mentioning that we will vote at the next meeting if there is a quorum on the fee increase and change in the apartment contract.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am

Recorder: Lana Beasley, Graduate School and Aimee Romack, International Student and Scholar Office