

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2011

Members present: Dr. Stephen Canfield, Dr. Marilyn Coles, Dr. Ronan Bernas, Dr. Dejan Magoc

Members absent: Dr. Linda Simpson , Dr. Richard Sylvia, Dr. Tesa Leonce, Dr. David Boggs, Mr. Shaukat Sheikh, Dr. Ralph Marshall

Ex-Officio present: Mr. Kevin Vicker, Ms. Sara Schmidt, Ms. Wendy Williamson

Ex-Officio absent: Ms. Pam Collins, Dr. Robert Augustine,

Invited Guests present: Mr. Farhan Aziz; Ms. Lisa Brown; Ms. Marilyn Holmes, Ms. Kelly Miller, Mr. Mark Hudson

I. Welcome, Dr. Coles

II. Presentation by Housing and Dining

A. Mr. Mark Hudson, Director, Housing and Dining (stepping in for Jody Horn who called in sick)

Discussion regarding meeting the dietary needs of international students:

Challenge of finding dietary staples in Charleston, open to conversation of bringing staples to area. Intl students and their ability to eat on campus- Jody Horn, Director of Dining Services is a registered dietician and works with special diet needs. Medical needs vs. preference, issue of speed and freshness- never got deep enough into the conversation to determine what is really needed- open to that ongoing conversation. Horn is retiring may 15; what way might these conversations take shape; are students polled to find out what they need in the ways of staples. Nothing set up to poll international students. Majority of intl students are graduate students in past so most of those live in university housing and cook for themselves. Comment cards available. Many intl students work in dining centers so they have some input there. Slowing in hiring of students. Any idea of doing taste of world throughout the year, what about offering this more than once a year. Any thought of doing that? Open to that but cooking for the masses, intl cooking much more specialized and we are at institutional type prep of food, not capable of individual cooking of recipes. Any specialty nights? Accommodating intl students a unique American offering, when abroad other countries do not accommodate American diets. But we are also exposing American students to international influences. Let's do one international meal per month. Wants input from this committee to determine what the menus would be and how they are prepared, get food from food suppliers and how would that work. Students are generally non-adventurous. Lets continue the conversation. Hudson leaves at 9:00 am

B. Ms. Kelly Miller, Assistant Director, Housing

Temporary housing charges- all students who stay during break, not just intl students. 9 days is \$70 and no meals are served. Students in apartments are charged regularly monthly rent. Residential halls are assigned according to who needs to be here over breaks and certain halls are dedicated to those students, still get mail and services, other than dining. Summer housing is offered in dedicated halls. Good options in the summer. Early and break housing offered. Second floor of Lawson is guest housing and intl students can stay there while waiting to obtain all necessities when they arrive right off the plane without those items. More requests for vegetarian options and working to accommodate those requests. When is the typical move- in day- Thursday before classes start. Orientation is one week before classes start and lasts for a week and housing can accommodate this schedule, Miller presents to students

during orientation and sets up blocks of time to take groups of intl students to conference room at housing to talk specifically about housing. Food court could ask international restaurants to prepare small prepackaged meals. Thai restaurant could put small meals together and sell in the food court. Restaurants from Champaign could bring prepackaged meals to food court. What is being done at other universities and how can we find out. Miller and Hudson going to conference at WIU and will put on their agenda to ask about intl dining and housing while there. All state institutions will be at this conference and will get more info there. Anywhere where students can use a kitchen? Yes, kitchens are available where students can prepare a meal in each residence hall. Should arrange a tour for the IEC members. Let her know when you want to do a tour. She will follow up with Kevin regarding the WIU conference. Marilyn Holmes will contact Miller for a tour. Postpone approval of minutes due to lack of a quorum, no meeting in May unless emergency, no exec mtg next Friday either.

III. Approval of the March 4, 2011, minutes, Dr. Coles.

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IV. Reports

A. International Students and Scholars, Mr. Vicker (Interim Director, OISS). 400 apps, swamped with apps and will do best to turn into admits. Deb Kidwell in advising center working for new freshman to do inline advising from their country so they can get pre-registered for their classes and ready to pilot, do this through Elluminate. Annual banquet April 26, 5:30 pm should have invitation. Taste of World is April 20 on south quad time tba

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

Slight drop in study abroad participants, need to get men to participate, gender imbalance toward women participating in SA.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 am

Recorder: Lori Henderson, The Graduate School