

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2012

Members present: Dr. Stephen Canfield, Dr. Marilyn Coles, Dr. David Boggs, Dr. Dejan Magoc, Dr. Eric Bollinger, Dr. Ryan Hendrickson, Dr. Jacquelyn Frank, and Ms. Sara Boro.

Members absent: Dr. Lania Knight, Dr. Dan Carter, Samyukta Ghimire.

Ex-Officio present: Dr. Robert Augustine, Dr. Pam Collins, Ms. Sara Schmidt, Ms. Kelly Holland, Kevin Vicker.

Ex-Officio absent: Wendy Williamson.

Invited Guests present: Ms. Brenda Robati (The Language Company), Ms. Linda (The Language Company), Ms. Aimee Romack, Ms. Nancy Meese, Ms. Marilyn Thomas, Ms. Kelly Holland, Ms. Marilyn Holmes.

I. Welcome, Dr. Magoc

II. Approval of November and December Minutes

Minutes for November Minutes motion made by Dr. Canfield, second by Dr. Coles and approved.

Minutes for December Minutes motion made by Dr. Coles, second by Dr. Canfield and approved.

III. The Language Company Presentation:

The Language Company was started in 1983 as a United States Center in Oklahoma. They are accredited by ACCET since 2000. Ninety percent of TLC programs are located on campuses. The Foundation of English course is for 100 clock hours (8 week course) and scheduled every 4 weeks. Regular Intensive course (9 levels) is scheduled for 100 hour every 4 weeks plus 20 additional hours free to students. Advanced Proficiency program has 3 levels of 100 hours every 4 weeks designed for advanced and graduate level students. Semi-Intensive English program is 60 clock hours attended by high school students, travelers, and study abroad students. Special programs are available such as vacation programs for children to business for professional adults. TLC, also, does test preparation for university bond students. The Junior Intensive Program for junior high. The English Work Program is 16 clock hours, 4 weeks designed for working residents. There are 13 levels of Intensive ESL Instruction: 1 level Foundation course, 9 levels Regular Intensive English course, and 3 levels of Intensive ESL instruction. .As for testing, TLC is developing writing rubrics to match performance descriptors. A large number of students attend the Foundation program, which is an 8 week program. If a class exceeds 13 students then the class is divided.

Other services available at TLC are Immigration Counseling with preparing I-20s, Academic placement services, Cultural Counseling advisors, activities each month like Friends and Family, airport transportation services and housing arrangements. TLC works closely with EAFIT and FARHU who give student loans, they have: Strategy Partnership cooperative agreements with foreign universities, partnership with government and financial institutions, Cooperative agreement with numerous U.S. colleges and universities for acceptance of their Level Nine graduates without TOEFL results.

The Language Program is a private entity meeting clients' needs and fostering students' success and quality of education, services and the professional development of the staff above profit. A large number of Libyan,

Saudi Arabian and Kuwait students attend with government sponsors. TLC has over 500 representatives worldwide. Staff members remain with TLC 10-15 years. The staff is selected for their education, flexibility and experiences, broad global views, oversea experiences, openness to new learning opportunities. TLC strength is stable growth and their success meeting the clients' needs as evidence by 90% competition rate.

Dr. Hendrickson questioned the future growth TLC since is privately owned for 10-20 years. TLC is small company with hands-on approach and wanting to keep under 20 centers.

Ms. Holland was concerned about fees and evening programs. Dr. Magoc stated each student pays every 4 weeks fees. The average Asian student stays 3-4 months and Saudi Arabian 1 year. The level which the student may take TOEFL is Level 9 but may take test at 6 and 7 level. Nine levels is the full program at 36 weeks. Ms. Holland asked about contact with students after graduation. The TLC center contact graduates for guiding new students.

Dean Augustine asked what the obligations to become part of TLC are. The questions to discuss are housing on campus, fees to charge, student s receiving ID cards, the start date and accreditation date. Dean Augustine asked about the physical space needed for TLC students. The process connected to EIU- housing and admitted to study. Lenora of TLC stated the student are in the community through the 9 months thus making their home and want to stay in the community.

Comments:

Dr. Canfield suggested visiting a center to evaluate the quality of the teachers. He liked their attitude better. Dr. Coles stated that TLC makes all the rules so we should make sure the rules meet our teaching standards. She likes the fact that they are smaller and have awareness of the evaluation and assessment of current teaching strategies.

Issues to consider for the TLC or ESL programs are spacing, fee issues-contractual agreements (rent only) or rent and fees- to use the library and fitness centers, and financial agreement, using the dorms, ID cards for students, start date, get accreditations-SEVIS would come and then hire teachers. Calling a university who uses this company might be helpful.

Kevin will compare companies and address the concerns.

Dr. Bollinger has a conflict with IEC Meeting time. Let Dean Augustine know if meeting at 11:00 a.m. is acceptable with schedules.

Dr. Coles said TLC was more student oriented and rural experience. Dean Augustine would like to know if The Language Company has a governing board if something happened to the husband/wife.

IV. Reports

CESL is on the January 19th agenda and are waiting on approvals from both committees. We are hoping for Fall 2012 approval.

Kevin reported enrollment was 174 for Spring 12. We have a better pool of students this semester in regard for paying fees. We have received 6 students from Chug Nan. Two administrators from Chug Nan were

unable to visit but due to the North Korean issues. China is still waiting for grant agreement, 2+2. In September, we should have students here; Dr. Hu is a good link and partnership. He is presently working with students. Thanks to Marilyn Holmes for orientation going very well.

Dean Augustine reported 6 Global Ambassadors will be at EIU to be honored September 20-21st. It would be nice to have 8-10 to be honored. Dean Augustine will come back with a formal motion but everyone is in agreement to change the eligibility for Global Ambassadors Award. Sue Songer will also have recognition that day, thanking her for her contribution. The Dean purposed it to be included with the Global Ambassadors Award program with inviting her family, relatives and IEC members. We are looking for more International Alumni to recognize.

Dean Augustine requested a policy be written for a Study Abroad with dual degree with in-state tuition. Kevin and Wendy will be putting the documents together for this proposal.

Ms. Williamson, reported by Ms. Holland, reported there were 60 scholarship applications with 50 eligible to be read. The Sub-committee met and would like faculty input. They updated application procedures to include recommendations and received . Dr. Frank volunteered to read the scholarship applications. Kelly as well as G.As read the applications. Twenty scholarships, hopefully, will be awarded by February.

V. Items to be Acted On

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Recorder: Aimee Romack and Nancy Meese, International Student and Scholar Office.

Next meeting scheduled March 2, 2012.