

**INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION COUNCIL**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**February 3, 2012**

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

**Members absent:** 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. Marilyn Thomas, Ms. Kelly Holland, Ms. Marilyn Holmes, Sharmir Haq, Ms. Aimee Romack, Ms. Nancy Meese.

**I. Welcome, Dr. Magoc**

**II. Approval of January Minutes**

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

**III. Reports**

Kevin reported Pamela Barrett, an International Student Recruitment consultant, will be at EIU on March 5, 2012. She has consulted for over 25 years and is from the UK.

On February 10, Marilyn Holmes and Kevin will visit The Language Company center at South Bend. Kevin also has a site recruitment and site visit in the Chicago center in March.

Dr. Canfield was concerned about an increase number of Saudi students if we would have an ESL center. Kevin agreed there will be an increase in the Saudi student population with an ESL center on campus. The University is not dependent on a certain student population from a certain country, as it changes from time to time.

Kelly Holland reported Study Aboard is closed with faculty lead 133 applicants and 33 for Spring Break. The scholarships closed December 4 with 60 applicants and 40 qualified. Three students did not accept because it was not enough money. Twenty-seven student awards will be given worth \$1,500 to \$2,000. March 1 is the deadline for independent applications. We now have 30 enrolled, which the enrollment numbers are up. Study Aboard has hired a new peer advisor.

Study Aboard has 3 scholarships, Walden, Weber, and Strandberg. Dr. Canfield stated scholarships are a big thing which are announced in March and awarded in April. Students tend to choose Faculty lead trips.

Dean Augustine suggested a good approach for us might be a small Study Aboard group meeting with Financial Aid. After issues are discussed with Financial Aid, bring them back to IEC to speak about Study Aboard.

Dean Augustine had 2 nominations on Global Ambassadors: Ms. Sarah Zaman and Michael Kalkowski.

Ms. Zaman was an International Student at EIU in Communication Studies. She attended University of Florida for a Masters in Documentary Film Production. Ms. Zaman is the Host of *Khabron Se Aage* (Beyond the Headlines) on *Voice of America*.

Mr. Michael Kalkowski earned a MBA at Eastern Illinois University in 1997. He is the creator of 2 software packages. Dr. John R. Willems, MBA Coordinator recommended Michael Kalkowski.

Dr. Marilyn Coles made the motion and second by Dr. Schmidt to accept both Ms. Sara Zaman and Mr. Michael Kalkowski as Global Ambassador nominees. All were in favor of the motion.

Dean Augustine stated the Global Ambassador program is every two years but was delayed due to Sue Songer's injury. He reported 6 Global Ambassadors will be at EIU to be honored September 20-21<sup>st</sup>. 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 proposed it to be included with the Global Ambassadors Award-program with an invitation to her family, friends and IEC members. We are looking for more International Alumni to-recognize.

CESL is on the January 19<sup>th</sup> agenda, is waiting on approvals from both committees. We are hoping for Fall 2012 approval.

Kevin reported enrollment was 142 for Spring 12. We have a better pool of students this semester. We have received 6 students from Chug Nan. Two administrators from Chug Nan were unable to visit due to the North Korean issues. We are still waiting for grant agreement, 2+2. In September, we should have students here from this program. Dr. Hu is doing promotion and is a valuable partnership. He is presently working with students.

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

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 the G.A.'s read the applications. Twenty scholarships, hopefully, will be awarded by February.

Dean Augustine reported our student who choose Harlaxton, spend one semester there. Our faculty perspective is we are not using the best approach to Study Aboard program. There are 1,200 students wanting to study aboard. We may have too many Study Aboard choices and should possibly focus on semester long programs instead of faculty lead programs.

Evansville and Kentucky use Harlaxton as their first Study Aboard choice. At EIU, we use the approach of giving them choices, and letting them choose what they are interested in pursuing. Possibly, we should limit the number of choices.

Dean Augustine approached the Dean Council with the Study Aboard choices. Dean Jackman of Education reported having Study Aboard students well aligned with fulfilling their requirements that they would unlikely choose a full semester aboard. Thus they want to keep programs other than Harlaxton. Muskreet is promoted by another department. The College of Business, Dean Izadi wants other programs promoted. College of Arts and Humanities are favorable to Harlaxton and other programs are unimportant to the department and students.

Dr. Canfield stated the administration for the past few years has expected the Study Abroad Department to pay for itself with student fees. He does not see it changing because of the structure. He did not get the

impression we were about to lose Harlaxton, they only gain from working with us. Students say Harlaxton doesn't have the required classes readily available. Dr. Canfield feels Harlaxton is most appropriate for sophomores who have not chosen a major or have just started their program. He also stated we need a recruiting staff for Study Aboard.

Dr. Coles says the type of students we have at Eastern have no concept of studying aboard and advising various programs is important and we need a staff to do so. She also stated one program to be the main one is not ideal and too exclusive. The main thing is to get freshman to understand this is an option to them.

Dr. Frank commented, if only one program or location is promoted, all students may not be interest. Limiting will push people away. Dr. Hendrickson agrees, we are not a Liberal Arts College. Dr. Canfield in defense states no one in the group means Harlaxton should be the only one promoted, just to have it stand out alone. He suggests if a student wants help deciding to suggest it first in the Study Aboard office. Students think they have to choose a Study Aboard program in their department which is not true.

Ms. Boro stated the University of Wisconsin at Lacross has a Gen Ed course for a semester worth 1 credit on Study Aboard. It is required for Study Aboard students but is offered to everyone. A 2-hour pre-departure course taught at the Study Aboard office might be a possible.

Ms. Holland says our kids returning from a Study Aboard program are the best to talk to incoming freshmen to promote the program. She suggested scholarships matching with the department to use the required 4 hours time in her office. Then the students can promote Studying Aboard.

Dean Augustine suggested putting it into our curriculum like a seminar. He also suggested that the committee needs to continue to think about it and report to the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

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

**Next meeting scheduled March 2, 2012 Booth Library.**