

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2012

Members present: Dr. Marilyn Coles, Dr. Dejan Magoc, Dr. Eric Bollinger, Dr. Ryan Hendrickson, Dr. Jacquelyn Frank, Dr. Stephen Canfield, and Dr. Lania Knight.

Members absent: Dr. Boggs, Dr. Pam Collins, Ghimire Samyukta, Sara Boro.

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

Ex-Officio absent:

Invited Guests present: Ms. Kelly Holland, Ms. Marilyn Holmes, Ms. Beth Craig, Ms. Nancy Meese.

I. Welcome, Dr. Magoc

II. Approval of January Minutes

Motion for March Minutes approval was made by Dr. Coles and second by Dr. Bollinger and approved.

III. Reports

Kevin reported enrollment numbers for Fall 12 population was steady. Graduate I-20s were up. The Banquet is scheduled for April 26. It will be a joint event with Study Abroad and honoring scholarship recipients.

The goal for the Language Center is admitting students by Summer 2013 and admission for August 2013. Kevin will meet with the Provost in May on the Center. To answer to Dr. Hendrickson's question concerning having a center consultant, Kevin has received recommendations from The Language Center. Kevin hopes to consult with them next week.

Ms. Williamson reported the Senior Seminar has been submitted. Study Abroad Senior Seminar will be discussed at CAA on April 26, 2-4 p.m. Please attend to support the Senior Seminar. Proposal support may also be by email. The proposal will change the Senior Seminar to an integrative learning experience

for the students. It is designed to prepare students for making better study abroad choices and experiences and while Studying Abroad.

Dr. Magoc asked about the final Senior Seminar proposal. Ms. Williamson stated it would be online.

Ms. Williamson reported the interviews for the Study Abroad Coordinator are finished. Now they need to compile the evaluations.

Ms. Holland reported on the Scholarships update. There is additional \$5,000 available for scholarships. They have updated the percentage of financial need vs. merit based scholarship to 75% and 25%, respectively. The financial deadline and the scholarship deadline are challenging. It was suggested to have deadlines without specific dates. The new proposed deadlines for Study Abroad are the first Friday of October for Spring Study Abroad, first Friday of December for Spring Break programs, January 11 for faculty lead programs, and first Friday of March for Fall and independent summer programs.

Ms. Holmes reported orientation is being moved up in the Fall and will include power presentations in a video, hoping to streamline the progress for the students. Upcoming events are: Celebration, April 21, with the Salaam of Bloomington, a Mediterranean group; Dr. Kimiko Guriji of the U of I Japan House demonstrations the Japanese Tea Ceremony; Folklorica Mexicano from Chicago; International exhibits in Doudna; Cally Cheng, a wife of a International student, will play a string instrument, the Gu zheng and the African and the Banquet on April 26.

Kevin stated orientation has problems with half of students are present on Orientation day and other half come later. With the power point presentations, the students will receive consistent information. We will still personally be present during the Orientation. It is a unique way to showcase our program.

Dean Augustine acknowledged the great work of Study Abroad. Having the proposed Senior Seminar and English language program on campus will change the campus. Hopefully, we will see progress in both by the Fall.

Dean Augustine stated the Global Ambassadors is scheduled for November 23 and will recognize 5-6 deserving people. We will place the Global Ambassadors' information on the Webpage.

Kevin gave an update on the MS in Geographic Informational Systems proposal. It has been sent to the State Board for approval by September or October. This proposal is a multi department and college program involving geographic imaging, building, and farming. A representative from Tim Johnson's office will be here at 2 p.m. to tour the Energy Center.

Dr. Magoc announced a visiting Health Study professor, Dr. Borislav Obradovic, will be at Eastern April 10 to May 2. He asked about a reception date for Dr. Obradovic. Dean Augustine asked Kevin to work with Dr. Magoc to arrange a date.

Dean Augustine stated it is time for replacement of IEC members completing their term of service. Colleges have established criteria for selecting IEC representation. Dr. Magoc has approval to continue his service. Dr. Frank was approved for one year and will consult her department.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Recorder: Nancy Meese, International Student and Scholar Office.

Next meeting scheduled May 4, 2012 Blair Hall 3108.