

MINUTES OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
September 5, 2008

The International Programs Advisory Committee met at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, September 5, 2008, in 3108 Blair Hall.

Members present: Dr. Dagni Bredesen, Dr. Ronan Bernas, Dr. Marilyn Coles, Dr. Regina Nganga, Dr. Roann Kopel, Dr. Deborah Woodley, Lila Olsen

Members absent: Dr. Stephen Canfield, Dr. Hui Li

Ex-Officio and Staff present: Dr. Robert Augustine, Dr. Bonnie Irwin, Ms. Sue Songer, Ms. Marilyn Thomas, Ms. Wendy Williamson, Mr. Farhan Aziz

Ex-Officio and Staff absent: Mr. Bill Elliott, Ms. Pam Collins

I. Approval of Minutes:

Dr. Marilyn Coles made a motion to approve the minutes of April 4, 2008. Motion was seconded by Dr. Kopel. Motion was approved unanimously.

II. Items to be Added to the Agenda

None.

III. Reports

A. Sue Songer

1. Ms. Songer reported in Mr. Elliott's absence that OPT has been extended to 17 months for some students.
2. Ms. Songer also reported that Mr. Elliott attended the OACAC Conference in East Lansing.
3. Ms. Songer reported that Mr. Elliott will be going to Turkey in October to participate in a recruiting fair.
4. Ms. Songer also stated that orientation went well. She reported that there are 58 new international students, making a total of 150 international students at EIU.

B. Marilyn Thomas

1. Ms. Thomas reported on two separate proposals regarding additional ways to meet the English language mastery requirement for International Student Admission Purposes. Ms. Thomas spoke on the EIKEN test and the Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB) test. After a brief discussion, a Motion to approve the proposals was made by Dr. Kopel and seconded by Dr. Coles. After further discussion and vote, the proposals were approved. The roll call vote is as follows:
Dr. Coles – Yes, Dr. Bernas – Yes, Dr. Nganga – Yes,
Dr. Bredesen – Yes, Dr. Kopel – Yes, Dr. Woodley – Yes,
Ms. Olsen – Yes.

- C. Wendy Williamson
1. Ms. Williamson reported that 304 students participated in Study Abroad summer programs.
 2. Ms. Williamson also reported that Eastern Illinois University is ranked #2 in the State of Illinois and #50 in the United States for the number of students in Study Abroad programs.
 3. Ms. Williamson reported the Debbie Hershberger-Kidwell's trip to Spain was a success.
 4. Ms. Williamson then reported that Lori Henderson, of the Graduate Office, will be traveling to Costa Rica in November to gain Study Abroad experience.
- D. Farhan Aziz
1. Mr. Aziz reported that the Study Abroad Fair will take place on September 10, 2008 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the University Ballroom.
 2. Mr. Aziz also reported that there will be 31 representatives at the Fair this year.
- E. Dean Augustine
1. Dean Augustine reported that the tuition situation is being discussed with other committees.
 2. Dean Augustine also reported that the next Global Ambassador event will be held on September 28-30, 2009. He stated that there will be 8-12 new Ambassadors.
 3. Dean Augustine then reported that the mandatory insurance is still being investigated. He will keep the committee updated.
 4. Dean Augustine then brought up the possibility of expanding IPAC to broaden the international education of different departments across campus.
 5. Dean Augustine then reported on the trip to China for the President to be taken in Summer 2009. He stated that they will spend 3 days in Beijing and 3 days in Shanghai.
 6. Dean Augustine then stated that the elections for IPAC Chairperson and Vice Chairperson will be postponed until further notice. Dean Augustine did state that Dr. Bredesen has agreed to serve as Chairperson until the elections have been held.

IV. Other Business

None.

Dr. Bredesen adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING
Friday, October 3, 2008
9:00 a.m.
Blair Hall Conference Room 3108**