

MINUTES OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 1, 2009, 9:00 a.m., Blair Hall 3108

- Members Present:** Dr. Ronan Bernas, Dr. Stephen Canfield, Dr. Marilyn Coles, Olivier David, Dr. Roann Kopel, Dr. Tesa Leonce, Dr. Regina Nganga, Angie Norris, Dr. Richard Sylvia, Dr. Deborah Woodley
- Ex-Officio present:** Dean Robert Augustine, Sara Schmidt, Ms. Sue Songer, Ms. Wendy Williamson
- Ex-Officio absent:** Ms. Pam Collins, Mr. Bill Elliott
- Invited Guests present:** Mr. Farhan Aziz, Dr. James Ochwa-Echels, Ms. Marilyn Thomas

I. Welcome and introductions.

II. Presentation by Dr. Sheila Baker: H1/N1 Virus (“swine flu”) situation. Dr. Baker gave an update on the status of H1N1 nationally, in Illinois and here at EIU. She reviewed the Center for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDCP) website and the information they have provided for caregivers and the general public. She has arranged to have hand sanitizers installed at many places on campus and reviewed general precautions to reduce the chance of contracting and spreading the virus.

III. Presentation by Dr. Peter Ping Liu: New China 2+2 study abroad technology program. The program is modeled after U.S. community college programs: study two years at Siu Jang University of Technology engineering college in China and then transfer to Eastern Illinois University for two years to finish their degree which will be from Eastern Illinois University. They will still have to take many general education courses here. This program is similar to the existing School of Technology Industrial Technology program.

IV. Approval of April 3, 2009, Minutes. Dr. Woodley moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Dr. Coles and approved unanimously.

V. Reports

A. Study Abroad.

1. Faculty-Led Program Proposals. Faculty proposing programs were interviewed, or their department chair. All proposals have been recommended for approval by the IPAC Study Abroad Subcommittee. Ms. Williamson reviewed the programs and discussed the concerns.

Dr. Chadd: Italy Study Abroad: concerns raised regarding the relatively high cost of Dr. Chadd’s one-week Italy program: \$3,000 roughly, per student, plus tuition and fees (\$1,000) versus the typical \$1,000 per week program. Dr. Painter’s Italy program was approximately \$3,000 including tuition and fees and provides only two credit hours. Members decided that cost estimates should not determine approval. Motion to approve – Sylvia; second – Kopel; vote – unanimously approved.

Dr. Gong: Motion to approve – Coles; second – Nganga; vote – unanimously approved.

Drs. Boggs/Kopel: this is the first faculty-led program in Central America. The applicant asked if they could change from Summer to Spring Break; Ms. Williamson answered in the affirmative. Motion to approve – Kopel; second – Woodley; vote – unanimously approved.

Mr. Johnson: motion to approve – Sylvia; second – Nganga; vote – unanimously approved.

Drs. Borzi/Mills: first faculty-led program to New Zealand or Australia. Motion to approve – Kopel; second – Coles; vote – unanimously approved..

2. Study Abroad report. New interactive website coming out this summer being made by CATS: includes blog which replaces the current newsletter; faculty will contribute to blog. There is a new video. Ms. Williamson reviewed student enrollment numbers which totaled 271 for FY09 compared to 304 FY08). There was \$40,000 in scholarship monies awarded in FY09.

B. International Programs. Ms. Songer reported that Mr. Elliott had presented at AACRAO and at StudyIllinois. The office had replaced International Forums with other programs. During the week of April 20, three international programs students worked with the School of Education on a panel that presented to faculty, students and staff about education systems around the world. They also partnered with the Residence Hall Association to present on social justice around the world. Doug Bowers is interested in planning a FY10 event. A memorial for the deceased Indian students was held on April 27; family members and friends attended. Joyce Schumacher informed the office that a \$2,685.79 check will be sent from EIU to the families of the deceased Indian students. There was record attendance of 170 at banquet. Ms. Songer thanked the Scholarship Committee for reviewing essays. There will be visiting overseas advisors after the NAFSA conference on June 2 and there may be a lunch or other social event for IPAC members to attend.

C. Graduate School. Dean Augustine reported on the School's restructuring. Bill Elliott will be stepping into Rodney Rane's position and will be handling both international and domestic admissions. Sue Songer will be taking over as Director of International Programs and handling all non-admissions international issues and will be hiring a Coordinator. The two-week comment period on these moves ends today; all comments to date have been supportive. Restructuring will commence Monday; Coordinator search will occur over the summer and be completed prior to start of the fall semester. The office will be renamed the Office of International Students and Scholars, a standard NAFSA nomenclature.

VI. Other Business.

A. FY10 Meeting schedule. Members turned in their FY10 work schedules and a mutually convenient meeting day and time will be set over the summer.

B. Information Exchange with Colleges. Dr. Canfield spoke with the Council of Chairs and informed staff that IPAC minutes should be published minutes online. He suggested that IPAC members meet with their respective College Administrative Councils to exchange info. The suggestion to build an electronic database of current Study Abroad programs was met with the response that they are all posted on the Study Abroad website. It was suggested that Ms. Williamson go to the Council of Chairs and show them where information is currently available. Dr. Canfield stated that there is a general lack of information and visibility over what IPAC does that is worse for those that are not directly engaged in international education.

C. Global Ambassadors. Everything is in place for the September 19, 2009, events.

Adjourned at 10:55 a.m. Dr. Kopel thanked everyone for the great experience working with IPAC

NEXT MEETING: TBA: September, 2009, 9:00 a.m., Blair Hall Conference Room 3108