

MINUTES OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
January 14, 2005

The International Programs Advisory Committee met at 9:33 a.m. on Friday, January 14, 2005, in the Martinsville Room of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Union.

Voting Members present: Dr. Frances Murphy, Dr. Roann Kopel, Dr. Alan Baharlou, Dr. Marilyn Coles, Dr. Stephen Canfield, Dr. Scott Crawford, Dr. Dagni Bredesen, Mr. Miljan Markus, Mr. Jerrod Woodruff

Voting Members absent: Dr. Mahmood Butt, Dr. Michael Havey

Ex-Officio and Staff present: Dr. Robert M. Augustine, Ms. Adrienne Paladino, Ms. Elyse Lyons, Dr. Bonnie D. Irwin, Ms. Sue E. Songer, Mr. William J. Elliott

Ex-Officio and Staff absent: Ms. Pam Collins

- I. The minutes of November 14, 2004 were approved as published.
- II. Items to be added to the Agenda.
 - Addition of STG4000 to Toronto Study Abroad Trip
 - Addition of ENG3010 to South Africa Study Abroad Trip
- III. Agenda Items to be acted on.
 - Addition of STG4000 to Toronto Study Abroad Trip**
 - A. Dr. Kopel moved to approve the addition and Dr. Canfield seconded the motion. The addition of STG4000 was unanimously approved.
 - Addition of ENG3010 to South Africa Study Abroad Trip**
 - A. Dr. Kopel moved to approve the addition and Dr. Murphy seconded the motion. The addition of ENG3010 was unanimously approved.
- IV. Reports
 - A. International Studies Course for General Education
 1. Dr. Bredesen suggested the possible addition of international studies courses as part of the general education curriculum. Dr. Augustine suggested that a meeting be scheduled with himself, Dr. James Tidwell,

Chair of the General Education Subcommittee of the Council on Academic Affairs and Dr. Alan Baharlou to discuss this issue.

B. Study Abroad: Elyse Lyons

1. Ms. Lyons reported that there are 22 students enrolled in the Long Term Study Abroad for Spring 2005.
2. Ms. Lyons reported that a re-entry orientation is scheduled for February and that the focus of the orientation will be to assess how study abroad met EIU's mission of global citizenship.
3. Ms. Lyons is encouraging returning students to join the Study Abroad Society which is a new Recognized Student Organization for students who have completed a study abroad experience.
4. Ms. Lyons noted that students who initiated a study abroad program during the Spring 2005 term received a new handbook to assist them with their questions. A family handbook was also distributed to family members of the students who are studying abroad.
5. Ms. Lyons reported that the Study Abroad Office will be hosting a Study Abroad Forum on January 26, 2005 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. in the Charleston-Mattoon Room and encouraged all IPAC members to attend. Jerrod Woodruff will be speaking about Long Term and Short Term Study Abroad.
6. Dr. Bredesen praised Ms. Lyons for the study abroad recruiting session that was held in December 2004. Dr. Kopel added her agreement.

C. International Student Advisement: Sue Songer

1. Ms. Songer reported that the International Holiday banquet was held December 2, 2004. She noted that two international students provided music. She also reported that the William G. Kirk International Leadership Award was announced during the banquet. Dr. Kirk has announced that he will endow the award with a monetary gift.
2. Ms. Songer noted that the Old Main Holiday Open House that highlighted our international countries and customs was held on December 8 and 9, 2004.
3. Ms. Songer reported that international student arrival and orientation had gone smoothly in spite of the winter weather. She reported that 27 new students are enrolled for Spring 2005 semester.
4. Ms. Songer noted that new regulations from the Social Security Administration require that international students have a job offer before they may apply for a social security card. A number of units on campus, and in particular, Catering and Food Service made job offers in advance that allowed our students to access the cards. Ms. Songer also noted that a person visiting the United States can now obtain an Illinois Drivers License without having to have a social security card.

5. Ms. Songer announced that she is in need of Family Friends for this semester. Dr. Irwin suggested that Steve Rich be contacted regarding local alumni who might be interested in assisting with Family Friends.
6. Ms. Songer encouraged all of IPAC to attend the January 26, 2005 International Forum on Study Abroad to help support the program.
7. Ms. Songer reported that Ms. Eulalee Anderson is at Prairie View Nursing Home recovering after a foot surgery. She urged members to send cards to encourage Mrs. Anderson's recovery.

D. International Admissions: Bill Elliott

1. Mr. Elliott reported that no new nonimmigrant student regulations have emerged as of this date. Minor changes were noted regarding registration for Optional Practical Training (OPT).
2. Mr. Elliott reported that a "Prospective International Student Visitation Day" has been initiated during the Spring 2005 term. During the Visitation Day, international students from community colleges and schools in Illinois will visit Eastern's campus. The goal of the program is to increase the number of international students who transfer to Eastern from community colleges. Sue Songer and Bill Elliott are working on the transportation and overnight stay for students who need assistance. Mr. Elliott urged IPAC members to assist with the Visitation Day.
3. Mr. Elliott reported that Kevin Vicker, International Programs Graduate Assistant, will be attending the Korean Fair in Busan, Korea in March. The goal of this program is to increase the number of international students from Korea.
4. Mr. Elliott noted that Eastern will be participating in the Hong Kong Expo in April.
5. Mr. Elliott reported that Study Illinois is planning an Advisor Luncheon at the Seattle NAFSA Conference to discuss advantages of students coming to Illinois.
6. Dr. Bredesen and Dr. Murphy will be going to South Africa and Dr. Bredesen suggested they help with recruiting in Africa. Mr. Elliott said he would be glad to help them with their recruiting when they have their short-term study abroad trip to Africa.

E. Director of Study Abroad Search: Roann Kopel

1. Dr. Koppel reported that as of today, there are 33 applicants for the search for the Director of Study Abroad. The deadline for the search is January 15, 2005. January 19, 2005 is the next Search Committee Members meeting when they will review the applications.

F. Deans Report

1. Dean Augustine provided a summary on progress related to the International Alumni/International Courtyard Project. To initiate the program, Dr. Augustine and Dr. Jill Nilsen, Vice President for External Relations will visit four international sites and host alumni events at these

sites in May. The sites include England, Germany, Italy, and Spain. During the program, Dr. Augustine will also complete visits of our exchange sites and connect with university administrators at these sites. The visits will be instrumental with reconnecting with international alumni to begin the process of building support for the Anderson International Courtyard. The Courtyard is still in the planning stages. A commitment of resources is needed by campaigning and getting pledges. The Courtyard would probably be able to be created late Spring 2006 or Fall 2006.

2. Dr. Augustine reported that Dean Hanner has initiated a new program to promote study abroad among students in the College of Sciences.
3. Dr. Augustine provided a summary of progress on the Blair Hall renovation. He noted that the new facility will include a Study Abroad Lab which will be situated in front of you as you walk through the main entrance of Blair Hall. He also noted that the International and Study Abroad Offices are likely to relocate to Booth Library or Lawson Hall anytime after March 1, 2005,
4. Dr. Augustine encouraged all members of IPAC and International Programs and Study Abroad to participate in the NCA Site Visit scheduled for February 14, 15, and 16, 2005.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEXT MEETING

Friday, February 4, 2005

9:30 a.m.

Martinsville Room, Martin Luther King, Jr. Union

Agenda Items:

None at this time