

MINUTES OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
April 6, 2007

The International Programs Advisory Committee met at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, April 6, 2007, in 3108 Blair Hall.

Members present: Dr. Stephen Canfield, Dr. Michael Cornebise, Dr. Regina Nganga,
Dr. Newton Key, Dr. Frances Murphy, Rowdy Frederiksen

Members absent: Dr. Dagni Bredesen, Dr. Frances Murphy, Dr. Gloria Leitschuh, Dr. Hui Li,
Emin Nabiyeu,

Ex-Officio and
Staff present: Dr. Robert Augustine, Mr. William Elliott, Ms. Wendy Williamson,
Ms. Emily Brueseke, Ms. Pam Collins, Dr. Bonnie Irwin, Ms. Sue Songer

Ex-Officio and
Staff absent: Ms. Marilyn Thomas

In Dr. Bredesen's absence, Dr. Canfield called the meeting to order.

Dr. Canfield accepted the resignation of Gloria Leitschuh from IPAC and thanked her for her service.

Dr. Canfield also stated that, at this time, there is no May IPAC meeting scheduled. He asked that everyone keep May 4, 2007 from 9:00 -11:00 a.m. open for a meeting. The Executive Committee will determine if a meeting will be held.

I. Approval of October 6, 2006 Minutes:

Dr. Cornebise made a motion to approve the minutes of March 2, 2007. Motion was seconded by Dr. Key. Motion was approved unanimously.

II. Items to be Added to the Agenda

Dr. Kopel made a motion to add the 2008 Study Abroad Faculty-led Programs Recommendations to the Agenda. Motion was seconded by Dr. Cornebise. Motion was approved unanimously.

Dr. Kopel further motioned that the rule that states the vote for the recommendations take place at the next meeting be suspended. Motion was seconded by Mr. Frederiksen. Motion was approved unanimously.

III. Reports

A. Bill Elliott

1. Mr. Elliott began by thanking the Scholarship Sub-Committee for the well distribution of the ranking for Fall 07 scholarships.
2. Mr. Elliott also reported that the USCIS is planning on raising filing fees. He also stated that no definite decision has been made. State legislators have been contacted to fight this plan.

3. Mr. Elliott then stated that NAFSA will be holding a “Life after OPT” workshop on Eastern’s campus on Friday, April 27, 2007. He stated that this is a great honor for Eastern Illinois University and hopes it will enhance Eastern’s recognition with NAFSA. Eastern was one of two finalists, the other being the University of Illinois.
4. Mr. Elliott also stated that recruitment is still going well. He stated that he has visited and will continue to visit various community colleges throughout Illinois. He also stated that in May there is a Community College International Student Fair in Seattle, Washington, at which Eastern will be present.
5. Mr. Elliott added that from May 28-June 1, he and Sue Songer will be attending the NAFSA National Conference in Minneapolis, MN.
6. Mr. Elliott added that the Alumni Advisory Counsel will be meeting in Washington, DC.
7. Mr. Elliott then added that there are plans to re-connect with alumni in the Chicago, Illinois area. A brief discussion took place.

B. Sue Songer

1. Ms. Songer stated that the International Programs office has scheduled Community College visits with students from Parkland, IECC, and Lake Land College. This program is entitled “The Next Step”.
2. Ms. Songer stated that Dr. Alan Baharlou asked her and four international students speak with a group of annuitants regarding family cultural issues. She stated that this group discussion was very well received.
3. Ms. Songer also reported that the February International Forum on discrimination was very successful. They have made the presentation to other classes in the community, with more presentations scheduled.
4. Ms. Songer stated that the work for the Alumni event in September is still on-going.
5. Ms. Songer thanked everyone who attended the International Programs Award Banquet on April 5. It was a great success.

B. Wendy Williamson

1. Ms. Williamson began by thanking International Programs for partnering with Study Abroad for the Spring Banquet.
2. Ms. Williamson then reported that Study Abroad is changing their marketing strategies. They will now have displays on coffee tables in the waiting areas of admissions and orientation, and also two easels focusing on “why you can’t afford NOT to go abroad”. They will also be doing a student spotlight on alumnus, Korah Winn, following her progress over the next five years.
3. Ms. Williamson stated that they have also provided the academic advisors with materials on Study Abroad to use during orientation. She stated that she is working on a site visit for one of the academic advisors to visit Spain.
4. Ms. Williamson stated that the new international database is up and running. This database tracks faculty and staff on campus who have Study Abroad experience.
5. Ms. Williamson thanked Study Abroad Coordinator, Emily Brueseke, for all the hard work she has done, stating that she will be missed. Ms. Brueseke and her husband will be relocating to Manhattan, Kansas in May.

C. Dean Augustine

1. Dr. Augustine reported that he and Provost Lord will be traveling abroad in May, 2007. He stated that they will visit five countries in 10 days, with a tentative agenda of Harlexton; Anjeer, France; Maastrict, Germany; Italy, and Greece.
2. Dr. Augustine spoke further on the program to re-connect with the alumni in Chicago, Illinois. He stated that Eastern has joined with the University of Illinois and Southern Illinois University and have a building in Oak Brook, IL for hosting functions to strengthen ties with our alumni. This building also has 10 classroom, two computer labs, and offices for use.
3. Dr. Augustine stated that the preparations for the Alumni Event in September are in the final stages.

IV. Agenda Items to be Acted On

The Committee discussed and approved all 2008 Study Abroad Faculty-Led Programs.

V. Other Business

None

With no other business at hand, Dr. Canfield adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING
Friday, May 4, 2007
9:00 a.m.
Blair Hall Conference Room 3108