

MINUTES OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
May 4, 2007

The International Programs Advisory Committee met at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, May 4, 2007, in 3108 Blair Hall.

Members present: Dr. Dagni Bredesen, Dr. Stephen Canfield, Dr. Michael Cornebise, Dr. Regina Nganga, Dr. Newton Key, Dr. Frances Murphy, Dr. Hui Li

Members absent: Dr. Roann Kopel, Rowdy Frederikson, Emin Nabiyev,

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

Ex-Officio and Staff absent: Mr. Bill Elliott, Ms. Marilyn Thomas

Dr. Bredesen opened the meeting by thanking the members for their continued service in promoting international studies at EIU. She also thanked Wendy Williamson and Emily Brueseke for their success in moving things forward in Study Abroad. A special thanks went to Emily Brueseke for the two years she served on the Committee and wishes for success in her new adventures at Kansas State University.

I. Approval of October 6, 2006 Minutes:

Dr. Cornebise made a motion to approve the minutes of April 6, 2007. Motion was seconded by Dr. Canfield. Motion was approved unanimously.

II. Items to be Added to the Agenda

None.

III. Reports

A. Sue Songer

1. Ms. Songer reported that on May 16 she will be meeting with the Alumni Board in Washington, DC to kick start the Fall Alumni Event. She stated that she will be joined by VP Jill Nilsen and Steve Rich. They will also be meeting with all alumni in the DC area.
2. Ms. Songer stated that Mr. Elliott will be visiting the Study Illinois mini-fair to be held in June in the Chicago Area. At this mini-fair, Mr. Elliott will connect with OSEAS international advisers promoting studies in the U.S.
3. Ms. Songer then stated that the NAFSA workshop held on Eastern's campus on April 27 led by Robert White, an immigration lawyer, was a success, attended by over 20 people from the State of Illinois.
4. Ms. Songer then reported that she and Mr. Elliott will be attending the NAFSA National Conference from May 28-June 1 in Minneapolis, MN.
5. Ms. Songer then added that the USCIS proposed significant increases in its fees. The International Programs Advisory Committee wishes the Minutes of the Meeting to record that the Committee protests the continuing escalation of university tuition and fees mandated by the federal and state

government for international students. The continued financial pressure on international students diminishes their ability to attend universities in the United States and diminishes the ability of the universities to fulfill their mission of global citizenship.

- 6 Ms. Songer then reported on the Fall enrollment numbers. There were 358 applications for Fall, 117 students admitted, and 87 I-20's issued.

Dr. Bredesen thanked Ms. Songer for her continued planning of the International Forums and her work with the international students.

B. Wendy Williamson

1. Ms. Williamson began by reporting that 300 students have studied abroad for the 2006-2007 year.
2. Ms. Williamson also stated that she will also be attending the NAFSA National Conference in Minneapolis, MN, where she will be meeting with already acquired study abroad partners, as well as with potential partners.
3. Ms. Williamson stated that she will be meeting with Sogang University at NAFSA, which was recommended by Jin-Hee Li.
4. Ms. Williamson also invited any of the Committee Members to speak with this month if they know of any university that might be interested in pursuing a study abroad partnership agreement.
5. Ms. Williamson then reported that she just returned from a trip to Guanajuato, Mexico, where she was establishing a study abroad program. She reported that this is a very active student community and currently there are no study abroad students in Mexico.
6. Ms. Williamson also reported that she is in the process of finalizing a partnership agreement with a university in Barcelona.
7. Ms. Williamson stated that the Study Abroad office has heard that there are students on campus that are going abroad for internships and not reporting this to the Study Abroad Office. She further stated that any student who goes abroad needs to report their intent to the Study Abroad Office so that pertinent information can be obtained for health and safety reasons.
8. Ms. Williamson then reported that Study Abroad has changed their marketing strategies. They now have easel displays and displays on coffee tables in the admissions and orientation offices, career services and student "hang outs" around campus.
9. Ms. Williamson stated that Academic Advisor, Debbie Herschberger-Kidwell has agreed to go abroad to Spain in November. This will be an excellent opportunity for her to experience the benefits of study abroad.
10. Ms. Williamson stated that there are 170 students who will be studying abroad this summer. This is an increase from last year.

C. 2008 Study Abroad Faculty-Led Program Tuition Recovery

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the Study Abroad Faculty-Led Program Tuition Recovery. The outcome of the discussion was to monitor this project for a year to see if it meets the projected goals of all involved. This program will be evaluated at a later date.

D. Dean's Report

Due to time constraints and the meeting's adjournment, Dean Augustine provided a memo to the Committee Members. A copy of that memo is attached as ATTACHMENT A.

IV. Agenda Items to be Acted On
None

V. Other Business
None

With no other business at hand, Dr. Bredesen adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING
Friday, September 7, 2007
9:00 a.m.
Blair Hall Conference Room 3108

ATTACHMENT A

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TO: Members of the International Programs Advisory Committee

RE: Deans Report and Input on the Alumni Awards Program

DATE: May 4, 2007

I want to express my sincere thanks to all members of the committee who have worked so hard on behalf of the International Programs and Study Abroad Offices during the past year. Your contributions are deeply appreciated. In particular let me thank and praise Dr. Dagni Bredesen for her leadership as Council Chair and Steve Canfield for his leadership as Vice Chair. Your commitment to international education is admired and appreciated.

Today's discussion on the Pilot Proposal to Pool Tuition Funds was so important that I did not want to interrupt the discussion to give my report, but I want to update you on several items and I need your input on one of the ideas suggested for the awards program in September.

Report:

- Provost Lord and I will leave for Europe on Thursday, May 10 and visit the following exchange, study abroad, and alumni sites: Harlaxton, England, Maastricht, Netherlands, Lunenburg, Germany, Rome, Italy, and Athens Greece. I will do a comprehensive review for the Board at its first fall meeting.
- The issue of tuition waiver scholarships for study abroad students remains in discussion along with discussion of monetary awards. I will provide an update next Fall.

Input:

- *In consultation with the Office of External Relations, we have identified the title **2007 Global Ambassador** as the title for our Fall award recipients. Are there any objections to using this as the title of recognition? Let me know by a simple reply to Sandi of your view.*