

MINUTES OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
October 3, 2008

The International Programs Advisory Committee met at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, October 3, 2008, in 3108 Blair Hall.

Members present: Dr. Ronan Bernas, Dr. Stephen Canfield, Dr. Marilyn Coles, Dr. Roann Kopel, Dr. Tesa Leonce, Dr. Regina Nganga, Dr. Deborah Woodley

Members absent: Dr. Dagni Bredesen, Olivier David, Laila Olsson

Ex-Officio and Staff present: Dr. Robert Augustine, Dr. Bonnie Irwin, Mr. Bill Elliott, Ms. Wendy Williamson, Mr. Farhan Aziz

Ex-Officio and Staff absent: Ms. Pam Collins, Ms. Sue Songer, Ms. Marilyn Thomas

In Dr. Bredesen's absence, Dr. Canfield served as Chair of the meeting.

I. Approval of Minutes:

Dr. Nganga made a motion to approve the minutes of September 5, 2008. Motion was seconded by Dr. Coles. Motion was approved unanimously.

II. Items to be Added to the Agenda

A. Dr. Canfield presented the Study Abroad faculty-led program proposals. The programs were discussed. Dr. Coles made a motion to approve the Study Abroad faculty-led programs. Dr. Kopel seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of approving the Study Abroad faculty-led programs. Motion was approved unanimously.

B. Dr. Canfield then discussed the elections for IPAC. Dr. Coles made a motion to suspend the By-Laws for the Chair and the Vice-Chair to continue for the semester and elections for replacement be held in January 2009. Dr. Woodley seconded the motion. All members were in favor. Motion was approved unanimously.

III. Reports

A. Bill Elliott

1. Mr. Elliott reported that students who studied in science, technology, engineering, or math can have their OPT extended from 1 year to 2-1/2 years, with the extension being 17 months.
2. Mr. Elliott also reported that the SEVIS fee for international students will increase from \$100 to \$200.
3. Mr. Elliott then reported that the Department of Homeland Security will be conducting school recertification in the near future.
4. Mr. Elliott reported that he will be going to Turkey to participate in a recruiting fair in association with Kaplan Aspect. He reported that they will visit three different cities while in Turkey.

5. Mr. Elliott then reported that the NAFSA Regional Conference will be held in November. At that meeting, Sue Songer, along with Dr. Sheila Baker and Patty Jenkins will make a presentation on TB.

B. Wendy Williamson

1. Ms. Williamson reported they have an increased number of students coming into the office with a heightened interest in Study Abroad.
2. Ms. Williamson also reported that she will be traveling to 2 cities in Greece to set up partnerships. Also during the same trip, she will attend the MCTS meeting in Middleburg.
3. Ms. Williamson reported that they need to get more faculty and staff involved in Study Abroad trips.

C. Dean Augustine

1. Dean Augustine reported that he is pleased with the nominations for the next Global Ambassadors event, which will be held September 28-30, 2009. He reported that there will be 12 new Global Ambassadors.
2. Dean Augustine then reported that he will meet with President Perry next week to discuss the trip to China.
3. Dean Augustine also reported that the Enrollment Management Committee has confirmed that Eastern's out-of-state tuition is out of line, but that the in-state tuition is in line. He will prepare a summary paper, which will be presented at the next meeting. It is hopeful that the out-of-state tuition will decrease from the current 3 to 1 ratio to a proposed 2.3 to 1 ratio over a 3 or 4 year span.
4. Dean Augustine then reported that proposed EIKEN test and the Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB) test that were discussed at the last meeting have now gone to CGS and CAA for approval.

IV. Other Business

None.

Dr. Canfield adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Friday, November 7, 2008

9:00 a.m.

Blair Hall Conference Room 3108