

MINUTES OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
March 26, 2004

The International Programs Advisory Committee met at 9:03 a.m. on Friday, March 26, 2004, in 2148 Blair Hall.

Voting Members present: Dr. Frances Murphy, Xiaoran Xu, Dr. Roann Kopel,
Dr. Michael Havey, Dr. Dagni Bredesen, Dr. Alan Baharlou,
Dr. Mahyar Izadi, Dr. Mahmood Butt, Dr. Scott Crawford,
Dr. Anita Shelton

Voting Members absent: Elyse Lyons

Ex-Officio and
Staff present: Ms. Adrienne Paladino, Ms. Staci J. Provezis, Ms. Pam Collins

Ex-Officio and
Staff absent: Dr. Herbert Lasky, Mr. William J. Elliott, Ms. Sue E. Songer,
Dr. Robert Augustine

- I. The minutes of February 6, 2004 were approved as published.
- II. Items to be added to the Agenda.
None at this time
- III. Agenda Items to be acted on.
STA 3960/3961
 - A. Staci Provezis discussed the proposal of a new study abroad course number to insure that students in study abroad exchange programs remain enrolled at EIU while studying abroad. Staci explained that this course proposal will help the student maintain status at EIU while studying abroad. Financial aid reported that regulators of financial aid require that students remain enrolled at the university while studying abroad. For billing purposes, STA 3960 designates a program we have an exchange with and STA 3961 designates a student studying abroad through an exchange through another agency. These courses will provide tracking for study abroad students. Staci will serve as the institutional representative with authority to register students for study abroad. These course numbers serve as placeholders and will be replaced with transfer equivalents upon completion of the curriculum. Transcript acknowledgement of study abroad is an integral part of the purpose of these courses. Dr. Izadi suggested that STA 5960/5961 be implemented for graduate level students. Dr. Bredesen moved to approve this agenda item and Dr. Shelton seconded the motion. STA 3960/3961 and STA 5960/5961 was unanimously approved.

ESTABLISHMENT OF TWO INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

- A. Staci discussed two new international awards to be given each year during the banquet. The first is the William G., Kirk International Leadership Award and the second is the Eulalee Anderson International Friendship Award. Dr. Butt motioned to approve the two new awards and that William G. Kirk and Eulalee Anderson would be recognized at the banquet and that policies and procedures be established for distribution of the monetary awards in the future. Dr. Kopel seconded the motion and IPAC unanimously approved the two new awards.

IV. Reports

- A. New Exchange Agreements with Germany and Hungary
 - 1. Staci visited the University of Luneburg in Germany and the exchange agreement has been finalized.
 - 2. Staci is planning to work with the Honors College regarding an Honors Program in Prague.
 - 3. Staci said that we had a program in Budapest and she is trying to recreate an exchange there. They offer English and Business courses there.
 - 4. Staci said that we need to get the Engineering College of Denmark in Copenhagen signed off for completion.
 - 5. Staci is in the process of signing off on previous exchanges. She has set her deadline for April 1, 2004 to sign off on all agreements.
 - 6. Staci is still waiting to hear from Cape Town, South Africa regarding an exchange program.
- B. In Bill Elliott's absence, Staci Provezis shared Bill's International Programs Updates:
 - 1. The International Programs newsletter was completed and sent out campus-wide. It is available at our International Programs website. The newsletter focuses on nonimmigrant student advising, study abroad and international student issues.
 - 2. International Programs is working with the School of Business to create a summer training program for five Indonesian government officials. This will be an eight week course focusing on English training and Business concepts. The participants are government officials affiliated with natural gas exporting.

3. Through its membership in Study Illinois, EIU will have the opportunity to host five visiting overseas advisors in May. These advisors work for US Educational advising centers affiliated with our embassies and consulates abroad. During their visit, these advisors will be meeting with International Programs staff and international students to learn more about our campus.
- C. Report of the IPAC Chair:
1. Dr. Baharlou suggested having international flags on campus and would like to see this materialize.
 2. Dr. Baharlou commented on how eloquent the women speakers were at the International Forum on March 25, 2004.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEXT MEETING
Friday, April 9, 2004
9:00 a.m.
Graduate School Conference Room, 1103 Blair Hall

Agenda Items:

.None at this time