

MINUTES OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
January 11, 2008

The International Programs Advisory Committee met at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, January 11, 2008, in 3108 Blair Hall.

Members present: Dr. Dagni Bredesen, Dr. Stephen Canfield, Dr. Marilyn Coles, Dr. Michael Cornebise, Dr. Roann Kopel, Dr. Hui Li, Dr. Regina Nganga, Dr. Deborah Woodley, Kwang "Hiro" Kim, Phil Sasser

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

I. Approval of November 2, 2007 Minutes:

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

II. Items to be Added to the Agenda

None.

III. Reports

A. Bill Elliott

1. Mr. Elliott reported that he and Sue Songer attended the CASE meeting in Chicago on December 9 and presented on planning an alumni event along with Dr. Jill Nilsen and Ms. Lori Henderson.
2. Mr. Elliott then reported that there is approximately 150 international students on campus for Spring 2008. He added that 1/3 of these students are transfers from other American community colleges and universities.
3. Mr. Elliott stated that he will be traveling to the Middle East in February on a recruiting trip in association with Study Illinois. Other recruiting trips include visiting community colleges and language centers.
4. Mr. Elliott further reported that on January 25, 2008, he will be meeting with a delegation from Lake Land College to discuss short-term intensive English and business classes.
5. Mr. Elliot then reported that the cost for a non-immigrant Visa fee has increased from \$100 to \$130.

B. Sue Songer

1. Ms. Songer provided a handout with the breakdown of the new international students.
2. Ms. Songer then reported that the January forum will explain fact and fiction about Study Abroad in a discussion led by Farhan Aziz, EIU Study Abroad Coordinator.
3. Ms. Songer then reported that Marilyn Thomas will be honored for 25 years of service at the Years of Service luncheon to be held on January 17, 2008.

C. Wendy Williamson

1. Ms. Williamson began by reporting that there are 47 students studying abroad this semester, with 17 students signed up for Spring Break in Ecuador.
2. Ms. Williamson then reported on her trip to Ecuador, stating that there were discussions on the Spring Break program and also developing other study abroad programs.
3. Ms. Williamson also stated that she presented at the NAFSA conference in November and that the presentation will possibly be given at the national conference as well.
4. Ms. Williamson then stated that she presented to the Faculty Senate and that presentation was well received.
5. Ms. Williamson then advised that she will be attending the AIEA Conference in February.
6. Ms. Williamson then reported that she is working on program developments in Greece and the Czech Republic.
7. Ms. Williamson also stated that the faculty-led programs deadline has been extended to January 25, 2008 and that there are already 110 students enrolled.

D. Dean's Report

1. Dean Augustine started by welcoming everyone back after the holidays and thanking all for their continued support.
2. Dean Augustine also stated that the China trip originally scheduled for this summer for him and President Perry has been postponed to Summer 2009.
3. Dean Augustine then stated that the next International Ambassadors program will be held Fall 2009.

IV. Other Business

None.

Dr. Bredesen adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING
Friday, February 1, 2008
9:00 a.m.
Blair Hall Conference Room 3108