

Committee on International Programs and Activities

Minutes of Meeting, Tuesday 9/13, 2:30 Gamble Rm 205

Present: Rick McGrath, Ed Strauser (Senate Rep), Monica Rausch, Tom Howard, Jim Anderson (ex-officio), Jose daCruz (Chair 2010-2011), Bill Deaver, Caroline Hopkinson

1. Committee authorized sub-committee to draft a resolution to the Faculty Senate about fair compensation and treatment of faculty who receive Fulbright awards.
2. Committee elected the following officers for 2011-2012: Jose daCruz, Chair; Monica Rausch, Vice-Chair; Caroline Hopkinson, Secretary.
3. Reviewed Fall programs:
 - a. Study Abroad Fair (Sept 21 - 11 -2 p.m.) It will be in Ballroom
 - b. International Day of Peace: Arthur Romano (6 pm, Sept 21 in Ogeechee Theater)
 - c. International Week: November 6 – 13.
 - d. Focus on North Korean Refugees – 1 pm, November 22 in Ogeechee Theater
 - e. Speakers: Dr. Dze Mgwa, Fulbright Scholar from Cameroon, at Savannah State, will invite him 2-3 times to speak on campus.

Dr. Constanza Ceruti, Professor from the Catholic University of Salta and high altitude archeologist, world's only, very popular. Will probably be in Jan. 2012 because of other engagements.

Also, several lectures on health and nutrition from scholar visiting from Italy during early November, hopefully visits from our new partners in China and scholar from southern Bohemia will be here Nov 14-20th.

4. Reviewed report from Office of International Education (Jim Anderson will provide report.)
 - a. Study Abroad
 1. Enrollments are up significantly from years past and cf well to other institutions. Might have helped that office did admin for programs, leaving faculty more time to recruit.
 2. New programs for 2011 – Jamaica, Czech Republic, Siena Summer, Lit in France, Italy Healthcare
 3. New programs for 2012 – Ghana (Mason), Belize (?) Student affairs may sponsor a service program to Belize in May.
 4. STARS and scholarship awards, very little money unfortunately. When money returns might try to focus it, develop needs based scholarships that cover significant costs, since the small sums distributed now help, but do not seem to make the difference in students' participation.

b. New and prospective international partnerships: JiuJiang University and Nanchang University (China), Linneaus University (Vaxjo, Sweden) Need to start communicating, via skype, etc. with folks at these Universities in order to learn how we can help each other, ways to exchange.

c. International students and ISO

1. Spring events on Campus: Carnival, Holi, and International Night
2. ca. 30 new international students on our campus(from: Qatar, Singapore, Germany, Honduras, Sweden, Finland, UK, Colombia, Germany, Brazil India, Spain, Hungary, Poland, South Africa, China, Canada, France)

d. Roundtable for internationalizing the curriculum Committee members welcome to join this group.

1. International Research Symposium

2. Develop new degree in international relations, committee forming in College of Liberal Arts to develop this degree.

2. faculty development grants for internationalizing your syllabus, might pay for development opportunities and/or materials.

3. overseas or on campus faculty development program for our faculty. On campus, use our local experts to have a seminar on South Asia, also bring in speakers, focus on material that can be used in courses.

4. international speaker series

5. Tom Howard encourages faculty to apply for summer Fulbright program to Germany, about two weeks in June in Germany, intense, lecture based each summer takes topic. Deadline mid-Oct.

Also at the end of October at Georgia Perimeter College in Clarkston, the Asia Council will provide a free fac development op, esp for faculty teaching basic World Civ courses, to bolster their knowledge of South Asia. Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. ISO can sponsor rental cars for small groups going.

6. Might be time for ISO office to survey faculty about their interests in International programming/grants opportunities.

7. Study Abroad can be a recruiting tool.

8. Dr. Ahrens is planning to bring in a guest speaker and host a state-wide faculty-student forum on the EU in February 2012, details to follow. He'll share info with Yassie Sadaatmand in Econ also.

Meeting adjourned about 3:30; Minutes by Caroline Hopkinson