

MINUTES OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
January 12, 2007

The International Programs Advisory Committee met at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, January 12, 2007, in 3108 Blair Hall.

Members present: Dr. Dagni Bredesen, Dr. Stephen Canfield, Dr. Michael Cornebise, Dr. Newton Key, Dr. Roann Kopel, Dr. Frances Murphy, Dr. Regina Nganga, Dr. Hui Li, Dr. Lisa Taylor, Rowdy Frederiksen

Ex-Officio and Staff present: Dr. Robert Augustine, Ms. Emily Brueseke, Ms. Bonnie Irwin, Mr. William Elliott, Ms. Sue Songer, Ms. Marilyn Thomas, Ms. Pam Collins, Ms. Wendy Williamson

Dr. Bredesen opened the meeting by welcoming Dr. Newton Key to IPAC and welcomed Dr. Frances Murphy back from South Africa.

I. Approval of October 6, 2006 Minutes:

Dr. Canfield made a motion to approve the minutes of November 3, 2006. 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 opened by stating that there are 43 new international students for Spring 2007. This brings the total of international students for Spring 2007 to 157. There was discussion on the fact that international students are showing up on the I-20 issued by Eastern and then wanting to transfer to another school. An investigation will take place and more information will be provided at a later date.
2. Mr. Elliott also reported that he and Sue Songer will be attending the Washington International Education Conference in Washington, DC later this month. They are excited about the sessions scheduled, the Embassy tours, as well as hosting a reception for the Washington, DC International Alumni.
3. Mr. Elliott also reported that the emergency training presentation on the concerns of Pandemic Flu that they presented at the Region 5 conference with Dr. Sheila Baker was voted best of Region 5 and they will be doing the presentation again at the National NAFSA Conference.

B. Sue Songer

1. Ms. Songer reported that access to Blair Hall again helped orientation run smoothly again this semester. Ms. Songer also acknowledged and thanked Graduate Assistant Laura Coffey for her endless effort and sleepless nights to help accommodate the new arriving students.
2. Ms. Songer also reported that International Programs was working with the Minority Affairs office on a project to present "Lost Boys of Sudan" on

February 9 at 7:00 p.m. in Buzzard Auditorium. Featured speaker will be Peter MaKuach, one of the Lost Boys.

3. Ms. Songer also reported that coming shortly will be a breakdown of countries and majors of international students.
4. Ms. Songer then invited all IPAC members to attend the monthly Forums.

C. Wendy Williamson

1. Ms. Williamson reported that they have 63 students abroad for Spring 2007, 17 of whom are participating in the Spring Break in Guatemala program.
2. Ms. Williamson also reported that she met with numerous department chairs/academic program directors regarding the integration of study abroad into their programs. She also reported that there are currently 2400 courses mapped in online course database. CATS is continuing to make improvements to make it more functional as it continues to grow much larger.
3. Ms. Williamson also advised that she will be traveling to attend the Health & Safety Risk Management Course and the Forum Education Abroad Conference in the month of February.
4. Ms. Williamson advised that OSA has a new webpage to outline programs supported for majors/minors by each department. She stated that there are also relevant news and articles posted on the OSA homepage and invited everyone to login and read them.

D. Emily Brueseke

1. Ms. Brueseke reported on the upcoming events for OSA. Study Abroad Bowling Night is scheduled for Tuesday, January 23, from 6-8 at the Union Bowling Alley. She invited all IPAC to stop by the event.
2. Ms. Brueseke also reported that Unpacking Your Study Abroad Experience is scheduled for Monday, February 5, 2007 from 6-7p.m. in 3108 Blair Hall. This event will help the students who have studied abroad be able to incorporate their experience into a resume and successful job search.
3. Ms. Brueseke further advised that Responsible Study Abroad, which is a mandatory event for all 2007 Faculty Directors, will be held either Wednesday or Thursday, March 7 or 8 from 2-4 p.m. in 2116 Blair Hall.

D. Dean Augustine

1. Dr. Augustine stated that he is re-reviewing the tuition rate change for international students. Dr. Augustine asked Mr. Elliott to elaborate on how the tuition rate change would affect international students, and asked Ms. Williamson to state how it would affect study abroad students. Discussion took place.
2. Dr. Augustine stated that he was working with Provost Lord on the Study Abroad scholarship. Dr. Augustine also shared with the committee that there is now a new law that universities waive tuition for all veterans. Discussion took place.
3. Dr. Augustine acknowledged Ms. Williamson for her work on the health and safety steps and looking at a more directed way to deal with it. Discussion took place.
4. Dr. Augustine stated that he will be attending the AIEA conference in Washington, DC.

IV. Agenda Items to be Acted On

None

V. Other Business

Dr. Frances Murphy spoke briefly on her sabbatical leave in South Africa.

Discussion took place to start all remaining meeting times for FY07 at 9:00 a.m. rather than 9:30 a.m. All members were unanimously in agreement.

With no other business at hand, Dr. Bredesen adjourned the meeting at 10:24 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Friday, February 2, 2007

9:00 a.m.

Blair Hall Conference Room 3108