

MINUTES OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
February 2, 2007

The International Programs Advisory Committee met at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, February 2, 2007, in 3108 Blair Hall.

Members present: Dr. Stephen Canfield, Dr. Frances Murphy, Dr. Gloria Leitschuh, Dr. Hui Li, Rowdy Frederiksen

Members absent: Dr. Dagni Bredesen, Dr. Michael Cornebiese, Dr. Roann Kopel, Dr. Regina Nganga; Dr. Newton Key

Ex-Officio and Staff present: Dr. Robert Augustine, Ms. Emily Brueseke, Ms. Pam Collins, Mr. William Elliott, Ms. Margaret Messer (for Dr. Bonnie Irwin), Ms. Sue Songer, Ms. Marilyn Thomas

Ex-Officio and Staff absent: Ms. Wendy Williamson

In Dr. Bredesen's absence, Dr. Stephen Canfield chaired the meeting.

I. Approval of October 6, 2006 Minutes:

Dr. Leitschuh made a motion to approve the minutes of January 12, 2007. Motion was seconded by Dr. Liu. 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 he and Sue Songer attended the Washington International Education Conference and found it to be a valuable experience. While at the Conference, they visited six different Embassies, learned of new recruitment techniques and upcoming trends.
2. Mr. Elliott also reported that the Spring recruitment activities have begun. The International Programs office is in the process of scheduling Community College visits for the Spring semester. Also, recruitment mailings have been sent to the International Advising Centers in South America and Europe, with other countries to be sent shortly.
3. Mr. Elliott also reported that the International Programs Office has a new Graduate Assistant, Thomas Stevens. He also noted that further interviews for Graduate Assistants will take place at the end of this month, to replace Laura Coffey, who will be doing an internship in London and France.
4. Mr. Elliott also reported that he was contacted by an Alumnus from India about the effectiveness of EIU on international students from India. It was reported that international students from India are delighted to be at EIU, with the only negative aspect being that there is no where to purchase true

ethnic foods. An investigation will be conducted to find the feasibility of a small store that handles true ethnic foods for Eastern's campus.

B. Sue Songer

1. Ms. Songer reported that presentation of "Lost Boys of Sudan", a project International Programs is working on with the Minority Affairs office will be presented on February 9 at 7:00 p.m. in Lumpkin Auditorium. The place of the event had to be changed due to prior a commitment.
2. Ms. Songer also reported that the date for the February International Forum has been changed to February 28, 2007 at 2:30 in the Charleston/Mattoon room.

C. Wendy Williamson / Emily Brueseke

1. Ms. Brueseke reported that Ms. Williamson is out of town attending a Health & Safety Risk Management Course in Boston, MA.
2. Ms. Brueseke then reported that there are 115 students currently enrolled in Study Abroad faculty-led summer programs. The deadline for enrollment is February 15, 2007.
3. Ms. Brueseke also reported that CATS is continuing to make improvements to make the on-line course database more functional as it continues to grow much larger.
4. Ms. Brueseke also advised that the search for her replacement is going well with 88 applicants. Interviews will be scheduled for late-February.
5. Ms. Brueseke also reported that Ms. Williamson will be attending the Forum Education Abroad Conference in Texas later this month.
6. Ms. Brueseke also advised that she has a site visit planned over Spring Break to Costa Rica to visit EIU partner, Universidad Veritas.
7. Ms. Brueseke also reported on several Study Abroad developments that were occurring inside EIU.
8. 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.
9. 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 reported on the International Alumni Recognition and Reunion Program which is scheduled for September 28 through 30, 2007. This is a new program to develop and strength connections to international alumni, with a goal to honor 16 outstanding international alumni (four from each College).
2. Dr. Augustine also reported that a memo to all Department Chairs, Provost Lord, Vice President Nilsen, and the IPAC members was distributed outlining this program. All recipients are invited to a Discussion Forum on Wednesday, February 14, 2007 at 3108 Blair Hall, where there will be discussion and review of the nomination process.
3. Dr. Augustine also stated that all Departments Chairs are to submit their nominations for Outstanding International Alumni Awards by the nomination deadline of Monday, March 19, 2007 at 4:30 p.m. Discussion took place

IV. Agenda Items to be Acted On
None

V. Other Business
None

With no other business at hand, Dr. Canfield adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING
Friday, March 2, 2007
9:00 a.m.
Blair Hall Conference Room 3108