

MINUTES OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
October 5, 2007

The International Programs Advisory Committee met at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, October 5, 2007, in 3108 Blair Hall.

Members present: Dr. Stephen Canfield, Dr. Marilyn Coles, Dr. Michael Cornebise, Dr. Roann Kopel, Dr. Hui Li, Dr. Deborah Woodley, Justin Lopez

Members absent: Dr. Dagni Bredesen, Dr. Regina Nganga, Rodney Amematekpo

Ex-Officio and Staff present: Dr. Robert Augustine, Dr. Bonnie Irwin, Ms. Pam Collins, Mr. Bill Elliott, Ms. Sue Songer, Ms. Wendy Williamson

Ex-Officio and Staff absent: Ms. Marilyn Thomas, Mr. Farhan Aziz

In Dr. Bredesen's absence, Dr. Stephen Canfield opened the meeting by welcoming Justin Lopez, Study Abroad representative, to IPAC.

I. Approval of September 7, 2007 Minutes:

The minutes of September 7, 2007 were approved with the following changes: Ms. Pam Collins, ex-officio and staff member was present at the meeting and Dr. Dagni Bredesen's was left off the Study Abroad sub-committee. With these changes made, Dr. Coles made a motion to approve the minutes of September 7, 2007. Motion was seconded by Dr. Cornebise. Motion was approved unanimously.

II. Items to be Added to the Agenda

Dr. Coles gave a report on her recent faculty-led Study Abroad program in Maastricht.

III. Reports

A. Bill Elliott

1. Mr. Elliott reported on his attendance at the ICIE meeting in Springfield in September. The meeting dealt mainly with the H1B visa issues and a group will be formed to meet with Sen. Durbin in the future.

B. Sue Songer

1. Ms. Songer gave an update on the successful International Alumni Reunion. Discussion followed.
2. Ms. Songer then provided a handout with the breakdown of international students and what country they are from.

C. Wendy Williamson

1. Ms. Williamson began by reporting on her trip to the MCTS Director's meeting in Maastricht and then her site visit to Luneburg in September. Ms. Williamson stated that future MCTS Director's meetings may possibly move to Middelburg, Netherlands. Ms. Williamson reported that Luneburg would be an excellent exchange program. Discussion followed.

2. Ms. Williamson then reported that a meeting headed by Dr. Ping Liu was held to gauge the interest among faculty in working to develop a faculty-led study abroad program.
3. Ms. Williamson stated that the Study Abroad Fair was a success with over 160 attendees.
4. Ms. Williamson then reported that there are 34 applications for Spring 2008 thus far. Deadlines have been extended and tuition waiver scholarships are being offered for exchange programs.
5. Ms. Williamson then reported that Spring Break in Ecuador will replace the Spring Break in Guatemala.

D. Dean's Report

1. Dean Augustine reported that the insurance issue is ongoing. There will be a meeting later this month.
2. Dean Augustine stated that the insurance coverage researched by Ms. Williamson has been approved and made mandatory for students who study abroad. Dean Augustine also reported that this insurance coverage will be looked at by EIU for possible implementation school wide.
3. Dean Augustine reported that the money from the McNair Grant is providing tuition waiver scholarships for the Study Abroad exchange programs.
4. Dean Augustine then reported that they are still working on the new tuition rates for international students.

Dean Irwin

1. Dean Irwin reported that there are two Fulbright candidates for this year.

IV. Other Business

1. Dr. Woodley invited all IPAC members to an international dinner on Tuesday, November 6, 2007. This dinner will be held in Klehm Hall, in the first floor conference room, and the cost is \$9.95.
2. President Perry will be invited to the November 2, 2007 IPAC meeting. The meeting start time has been changed to 8:30 a.m. to accommodate his attendance at this meeting. All IPAC members are urged to attend. All IPAC members agreed to the time change for this meeting.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING
Friday, November 2, 2007
8:30 a.m.
Blair Hall Conference Room 3108