

**MINUTES OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**December 2, 2005**

The International Programs Advisory Committee met at 9:35 a.m. on Friday, December 2, 2005, in Booth Library, Room 4440.

Voting Members present: Dr. Marilyn Coles, Dr. Stephen Canfield, Dr. Dagni Bredesen, Dr. Michael Cornebise, Dr. Michael Havey, Dr. Roann Kopel, Dr. Mahmood Butt

Voting Members absent: Mr. Abdoulaye Traore, Dr. Frances Murphy, Mr. Jerrod Woodruff, Dr. Scott Crawford

Ex-Officio and Staff present: Dr. Robert M. Augustine, Ms. Adrienne Paladino, Ms. Sue E. Songer, Ms. Pam Collins, Dr. Bonnie Irwin, Ms. Wendy Williamson, Ms. Marilyn Thomas, Ms. Emily Brueseke

Ex-Officio and Staff absent: Mr. William J. Elliott

- I. The minutes of November 4, 2005 were approved as read.
- II. Agenda Items to be acted on  
**None**
- III. Reports
  - A. Wendy Williamson
    1. An article on Maastricht Center for Transatlantic Studies was distributed to the members of the Committee. The article highlighted that the Center was the recipient of a 2005 Andrew Heiskell Award for Innovation in International Education. Ms. Williamson noted that prestige that this award represents and the value of Eastern's affiliation with the Center.
    2. Ms. Williamson reviewed the EIU Plan for Study Abroad Growth and Development using a slide presentation that addressed the following questions and issues:
      - a. What is study abroad?
      - b. What is study abroad important?
      - c. Where are we now? (with reference to Non-Faculty Led and

- Faculty-Led Programs for AY04-05).
- d. Where do we want to go?
  - e. Student and parent expectations.
  - f. Key barriers at EIU.
  - g. What Office of Study Abroad has done so far.
  - h. What you can do to help.
  - i. Questions
    - i). Many questions were raised during this time with reference to tuition recovery and getting additional dollars for summer programs.
    - ii). Dr. Augustine asked IPAC what he should discuss with the Provost. After much discussion within the IPAC group, Dr. Mahmood Butt summarized the issues into 4 areas:
      - a) Resources to departments for marketing their study abroad programs
      - b) Resources to departments for travel support to initiate or evaluate potential study abroad sites
      - c) Resources for departments to provide released time to faculty members to create study abroad programs or to support temporary faculty to teach in order to provide released time to develop programs.
      - d) Resources for seed money developing new study abroad programs, such as the proposed Asian studies program.
3. Ms. Williamson reported that a new program titled the Lincoln Fellowship Program will soon be offered through a state initiative designed to increase the number of students who Study Abroad in Illinois. The Lincoln Fellowship Program is open to students from all backgrounds. The purpose of the program is to provide scholarships for study abroad.
  4. Dean Irwin indicated that the institute for service learning at international locations might also be a source of funds for study abroad.
  5. Ms. Williamson discussed her Italy site visit that was completed November 5 through November 16, 2005 and distributed a summary of the trip to all of IPAC members. Some highlights included:
    - a. Academic Programs International (API) visiting Rome, Syracuse and Florence.
    - b. Consortium visiting Genoa with Suzanne Branciforte, who is working on developing a semester-long program with the details to be worked out in the near future.
  6. Ms. Williamson will be attending the CAA to discuss adding a paragraph to the General Requirements on December 8, 2005 at 2:00 P.M. and has invited IPAC members to attend.

B. Dagni Bredesen - Acknowledgments

1. Dr. Bredesen acknowledged Sue Songer and her staff for how well the International Holiday Banquet went.
2. Dr. Bredesen thanked Dr. Butt for all the “seeds” he has planted on this campus and for all of his hard work and wished him well on behalf of IPAC.

C. Mahmood Butt

1. Dr. Butt reported that the Scholarship Committee met on October 20, 2005 and out of 35 graduate applicants, 13 received tuition waivers. There was no money available for undergraduates this Spring 2006. Scholarships are given out based on the following criteria:
  - a. grade point average
  - b. distribution among the countries represented
  - c. from countries with economic distress
2. Dr. Butt resigned as Chair of the Scholarship Committee. The new Chair of the Scholarship Committee is Dr. Frances Murphy.
3. Dr. Butt discussed that his new position as Vice Chancellor in Pakistan and also reported on the Earthquake Relief for Pakistan and discussed that a Donor Conference was held and that 17 countries have pledged \$5.7 billion to assist. He also noted that a fundraiser is being held tonight, December 2, 2005, at 8:00 P.M. in the 7<sup>th</sup> Street Underground.

D. Sue Songer: Ms. Songer made the following reports:

1. Mr. Elliott, Director of International Admissions, is attending a Study Illinois conference today. The Conference is focusing on a marketing strategy for Hong Kong and Mexico and these are international areas of great interest to Eastern.
2. December 1, 2005, a Megaconference VII (videoconference) was held in the Gregg Triad sponsored by International Programs and the CATS office. There were over 600 schools around the world that participated in this Megaconference. One outstanding feature was a virtual concert between Sweden and California. International Programs is going to continue to work with the CATS office on virtual education experiences around the world.
3. AIS is holding a fundraising event for Pakistan Earthquake Relief to night in the Rathskeller at 8:00 P.M. and everyone is invited to attend.
4. International Week was held in November and was a success. The invitation-only luncheon was a really nice informal setting which

received great feedback and will try and continue doing this with Study Abroad from year to year.

5. Michelle Leisten, a graduate assistant for International Programs, recruited in Mexico and is now getting responses to her recruiting trip.
6. Community college recruitment is now going on with Illinois Community Colleges.

The meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEXT MEETING**

**Friday, January 13, 2006**

**9:30 a.m.**

**1895 Room, MLK Union**

**Agenda Items:**

Welcome new IPAC members:

Gloria Leitschuh

Emin Nabiyeu

Mildred Pearson – Faculty Development related to advancing study abroad

Reports

International Programs

Study Abroad

Announcements:

Goals for 2006

Alumni advisory Board

IPAC Social: Dagni Bredesen's Home

Saturday, January 28, 2006

5:00-7:00 P.M.

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