

MINUTES OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS AADVISORY COMMITTEE
November 3, 2006

The International Programs Advisory Committee met at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, November 3, 2006 in 3108 Blair Hall.

Members present: Dr. Dagni Bredesen, Dr. Stephen Canfield, Dr. Marilyn Coles, Dr. Michael Cornebise, Dr. Roann Kopel, Dr. Regina Nganga, Dr. Gloria Leitschuh, Dr. Hui Li, Dr. Lisa Taylor

Members absent: Rowdy Frederiksen

Ex-Officio and Staff present: Dr. Robert Augustine, Ms. Emily Brueseke, Mr. William Elliott, Ms. Sue Songer, Ms. Marilyn Thomas

Ex-Officio and Staff absent: Ms. Pam Collins, Ms. Wendy Williamson

Dr. Bredesen opened the meeting.

I. Approval of October 6, 2006 Minutes:

Dr. Canfield made a motion to approve the minutes of October 6, 2006. Motion was seconded by Dr. Leitschuh. Motion was approved unanimously.

II. Items to be Added to the Agenda

None.

III. Reports

A. Bill Elliott

1. Mr. Elliott opened by thanking the Scholarship Subcommittee for their time and effort in selecting the new international scholarship recipients. New Spring 2007 scholarships were awarded to five graduate students and four undergraduate students. This brings the total scholarships awarded for Spring 2007 semester to 26 graduate students and nine undergraduate students.
2. Mr. Elliott also reported on the International Programs Graduate Assistant Michelle Leisten had just returned from a recruiting trip to Mexico City/Guadalajara, stating that it was a success. Mr. Elliott also stated that Graduate Assistant Laura Coffey is currently in Seattle, Washington attending the Community College International Recruiting Fair. A report will be forthcoming at the next meeting.
3. Mr. Elliott also reported that he and Sue Songer have attended emergency training sessions on the concerns of Pandemic Flu and will attend more in the future. They have been working with Gary Hanebrink on what preparations are instrumental if an outbreak occurs.
4. Mr. Elliott reported that he and Sue Songer will present the information on the affects of the Pandemic Flu and how to handle an outbreak at the NAFSA Regional Convention, November 5-7, 2006.

B. Sue Songer

1. Ms. Songer reported on the activities of the International Programs for the month of October. She reported that she and Graduate Assistants Nikki Classen and Laura Coffey made a presentation at the Charleston High School Fall Institute on October 6. They presented and discussed "intolerance in the classroom causes academic problems".
2. Ms. Songer also reported that AIS marched in the Homecoming Parade. All went well as the students were greeted with clapping and cheering from the onlookers.
3. Ms. Songer also reported that the October forum, featuring Dr. Bruce Stanley of Huron University, was well received.
4. Ms. Songer further reported that Eastern Illinois University hosted Elgin Community College for an international students community college visit the weekend of October 28 through October 29, 2006.
5. Ms. Songer then reported that the AIS hosted a Halloween Dance on October 28, 2006 at the Grand Ballroom, which was well attended.
6. Ms. Songer also reported that there will be a mini-celebration during International Week. Invitations will be sent for the November 13, 2006 International Week Luncheon. Other events for the week include a gathering at the Jackson Avenue coffee house on November 14 and the Study Abroad Fair held on November 15.
7. Ms. Songer then invited all IPAC members to attend the November Forum, "As Others See Us: Europeans' View of Americans" presented by Dr. Michael Havey, EIU Professor of Psychology.

C. Wendy Williamson/Emily Brueseke

1. In Ms. Williamson's absence, Ms. Brueseke reported that, to date, Spring 2007 enrollment in Study Abroad is 46 students. Anticipated study abroad enrollment for Spring 2007 is 60-65 students (compared to 41 last spring). Ms. Brueseke also stated that the deadline for Guatemala study abroad is December 1, 2006.
2. Ms. Brueseke further stated that special AY2006-2007 Tuition Waiver Scholarships have increased participation in study abroad, particularly Spring 2007. Seven scholarships were awarded, including four students who received the scholarship and are studying on the exchange at Vaxjo University in Sweden this academic year.
3. Ms. Brueseke further reported and discussed the visits of Roger Richardson, University of Winchester, who visited campus on October 9 and 10, 2006, and the visit of Dr. Bruce Stanley, Provost of Huron University, who was here October 25, 2006.
4. Ms. Brueseke then reported on Ms. Williamson's travel as Ms. Williamson is currently in Spain and attending the CIEE conference in Seville. Ms. Brueseke stated that Ms. Williamson traveled to Copenhagen, Vaxjo and Maastricht to visit partners and attend the MCTS conference in October.
5. Ms. Brueseke further reported on the upcoming events for Study Abroad. There will be a Study Abroad Fair held in conjunction with International Education Week on November 15, 2006 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the University Ballroom.

- D. Dean Augustine
1. Dr. Augustine asked Mr. Elliott to elaborate on his new position with NAFSA. Mr. Elliott then reported that in his position as Lead Coach for Region V of NAFSA Academy he will share his wide range of experience in International Programs with individuals who are new to the international studies field.
 2. Dr. Augustine then asked Ms. Songer to share information regarding the article she authored that was published in the magazine "Study in America". Ms. Songer reported that she was asked to do an article regarding study in Illinois and that EIU was featured in this article.
 3. Dr. Augustine then acknowledged Marilyn Thomas for the work she has done regarding tuition for spouses of faculty members.
 4. Dr. Augustine then reported on the Alumni Awards and Reunion Program. Dr. Augustine stated that the alumni event would be moving to the weekend of September 28-29, 2007. Dr. Augustine is working closely with Dr. Jill Nilsen, alumni, and several staff members to finalize plans for this event.
- E. Dean Irwin
1. Dr. Irwin reported that the Honors College has dedicated money for scholarships for honor students to study abroad for Spring 2007. Discussion of the number of scholarship the money would fund took place.
 2. Dr. Irwin then reported that applications are due in February for the National Student Exchange, a program that allows exchange students at domestic and Canadian universities. A brief discussion of the program then took place.

IV. Agenda Items to be Acted On

None

V. Other Business

None.

VI. Guest Speakers

A. Penka Skachkova

1. Dr. Skachkova spoke to the Committee about creating a consortium of Women's Studies study abroad programs. Discussion of the program took place. Dr. Skachkova advised Committee members that if they had any other questions, she can be reached at 316 Lawson Hall or at 581-6321.

With no other business at hand, Dr. Bredesen adjourned the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Friday, December 1, 2006

9:30 a.m.

Blair Hall Conference Room 3108