

MINUTES OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
September 7, 2007

The International Programs Advisory Committee met at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, September 7, 2007, in 3108 Blair Hall.

Members present: Dr. Dagni Bredesen, Dr. Stephen Canfield, Dr. Marilyn Coles, Dr. Michael Cornebise, Dr. Regina Nganga, Dr. Roann Kopel, Dr. Hui Li, Dr. Deborah Woodley, Rodney Amematekpo

Ex-Officio and Staff present: Dr. Robert Augustine, Dr. Bonnie Irwin, Ms. Sue Songer, Ms. Marilyn Thomas, Ms. Wendy Williamson, Mr. Farhan Aziz

Ex-Officio and Staff absent: Mr. Bill Elliott

Dr. Bredesen opened the meeting by welcoming the IPAC members. The new members include Dr. Deborah Woodley, from the Lumpkin School of Business; Mr. Farhan Aziz, from Study Abroad; and Mr. Rodney Amematekpo, AIS President.

I. Approval of May 4, 2007 Minutes:

Dr. Canfield made a motion to approve the minutes of May 4, 2007. Motion was seconded by Dr. Cornebise. Motion was approved unanimously.

II. Items to be Added to the Agenda

- A. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair.
 - 1. Dr. Kopel nominated Dr. Bredesen to continue as Chair of IPAC. Dr. Cornebise seconded. Motion was approved unanimously. Dr. Bredesen accepted the nomination.
 - 2. Dr. Bredesen nominated Dr. Canfield to continue as Vice-Chair of IPAC. Dr. Cornebise seconded. Motion was approved unanimously. Dr. Canfield accepted the nomination.
- B. Term of Service of IPAC Chair.

Discussion took place to change the Chair position from a 1 year term to a 2 year term position. Dr. Coles moved to change the By-laws to reflect this change. Dr. Canfield seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.
- C. Development of Scholarship.

Discussion took place regarding the development of a scholarship for areas of world crisis. A Special Projects subcommittee was formed to work on the guidelines of the scholarship. The subcommittee consists of: Dr. Irwin, Dr. Nganga, Dr. Bredesen, and Ms. Songer.
- D. Invitation of President Perry to IPAC meeting.

It was unanimously agreed up by the members that they would like to invite President Perry to an IPAC meeting to shares his vision of international studies with the Board.
- E. Subcommittee Selection.

There was discussion regarding the subcommittee of IPAC. Volunteers were taken for the subcommittees. They are as follows:

Special Projects: Dr. Irwin, Dr. Nganga, Dr. Bredesen, Ms. Songer
Scholarships: Dr. Kopel, Dr. Li, Dr. Coles, Dr. Nganga
Study Abroad: Dr. Canfield, Dr. Cornebise, Dr. Nganga, Ms. Collins, Ms. Williamson

- F. Executive action for Study Abroad courses.
Ms. Williamson stated that there is a need to change the process for obtaining EIU credit from non-partner universities. After discussion, it was unanimously agreed upon to send this action to CAA and CGS for their approval.

III. Reports

A. Sue Songer

1. Ms. Songer gave an update on the tragic accident which claimed the life of an EIU international student and has critically injured another. Ms. Songer thanked Nupur Jain and Sandy Cox, Dr. Nadler, and Dr. Augustine for their tremendous support during this time of grieving.
2. Ms. Songer stated the international student enrollment for FA07 was 165 students, 64 being new this semester.
3. Ms. Songer then stated that the insurance coverage for international students is still a major concern. Ms. Songer suggested that a subcommittee be formed to review other possibilities of insurance coverage for international students. The subcommittee was formed and consists of: Dr. Woodley, Ms. Collins, and Ms. Songer. Ms. Songer advised that Dr. Izadi wants to be involved in these meetings as well.
4. Ms. Songer also reported that the September International Forum will take place on September 19, 2007 in the Arcola/Tuscola Room. This Form is to "Meet the International Students". Everyone is welcomed to attend

B. Wendy Williamson

1. Ms. Williamson began by reporting that EIU ranks #7 in student participation in Study Abroad programs, and #1 in Master's programs that have student studying abroad.
2. Ms. Williamson then reported that 304 students have studied abroad for the 2006-2007 year, 191 enrollment in faculty-led programs and 113 in independent study abroad programs.
3. Ms. Williamson stated that the Study Abroad subcommittee will meet on the following dates and time:

Friday, October 12, 2007	9:00 – 12:00
Friday, November 16, 2007	9:00 – 12:00
Friday, February 15, 2008	9:00 – 12:00
Friday, March 28, 2008	9:00 – 12:00

(Review of Proposals – Interview NEW programs)
4. Ms. Williamson had Mr. Aziz report on the upcoming events. Mr. Aziz reported that the Study Abroad Fair will be held on Monday, September 24 from 10:30-2:30 in the University Ballroom.
5. Mr. Aziz also reported that Roger Richardson from the University of Winchester will be visiting EIU on September 13 and 14. IPAC members are invited to a breakfast meeting on September 13 at 9:00 a.m. in 3108 Blair Hall.
6. Ms. Williamson then reported that she will be attending the MCTS Director's meeting in Maastricht and then visiting Luneburg, September 15-22.

D. Dean's Report

1. Dean Augustine reported on his and Provost Lord's trip to Harlexston, Lunenburg, Rome, and Athens. He reported that it was a positive experience to reconnect with alumni.
2. Dean Augustine provided an update on the Alumni event that is to take place September 27-30. Discussion followed.

IV. Other Business

None

With no other business at hand, Dr. Bredesen adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING
Friday, October 5, 2007
9:00 a.m.
Blair Hall Conference Room 3108