

**International Council Meeting  
November 10, 2008  
Minutes**

**Attendees:** Mauricio Gonzalez, VP for Student/International Affairs  
Mei Zhao, BCH Doreen Radjenovic, BCH  
Mag Malek, CCEC Susan Vasana, CCEC  
Tes Tuason, COAS Andres Gallo, CCB  
Mike Smith, COEHS Tim Robinson, International Center  
Bonnie Richardson, Intl Center

**Absent:** Angeles Fernandez Cifuentes (COAS), Chuck Paulson (Honors), Pamela Zeiser (COAS), Jeff Steagall (CCB), Jeff Michelman (CCB), John Kemppainen (COEHS)

Meeting began at noon (12:00 p.m.)

Agenda Items:

1. Review of draft By-Laws for Intl Council:
  - a. Addition will be made to #1 of “Article V: Committees” to reflect the work of pre-reviewing and preparing the criteria and announcements for the awards, grants, and TLOs.
  - b. Additionally, changes will be made to #5 (TLO review), to reflect that if Pam Zeiser (Intl Studies) cannot participate, then Pam Zeiser will identify a COAS faculty to represent International Studies on the committee.
2. Update on lunch with Deans and their international priorities:
  - COAS – Spain, France, Italy
  - BCH – Belize, China
  - CCEC –
  - CCB –
  - COEHS – UK

Note: Tim will ask the CCEC and CCB Deans for their intl priorities.

  - a. The lunch meeting with the Deans went well all thought.
  - b. Dr. Gonzalez met with the Provost, who was supportive of the idea to stabilize intl programs in the Colleges, but the Deans will need to carve out money from their budgets. The Provost is aware that it is an important issue to consider when moving forward.
  - c. Interested faculty should go to their Deans and ask for study abroad to be part of the budget planning and process.
  - d. The QEP is about community involvement and study abroad is engaging the international community. It might be that specific study abroad activities could be funded through the QEP.
  - e. Note: Because Colleges have not received or reserved funds for their particular intl priorities, these identified programs will not be excluded or scored differently in the

- TLO review.
- f. To conclude discussion with the Deans, a letter needs to be written to the Deans with a final summary and list of requests.
  - g. On sharing Intl Council minutes with the Deans – It was decided that Tim will send out minutes for each Intl Council meeting to the members, and when they have been reviewed/revise, each Council member will share with their Deans.
3. Lunch with Chairs will be held at end of January.
    - a. Suggested the meeting with the Chairs, should be with all of the Chairs, campus-wide, so that Colleges can see what others are doing.
    - b. Then Chairs with strong international interests can meet with their Deans for follow up on College international activities.
  4. TLO Applications Review – to be held Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup> (2-4pm) with 6 readers. Susan Vasana is Chair of committee.
  5. Faculty Int'l Travel Grants (14 received) – Consensus is that Friday afternoons are good for meetings. Tim will send out a call for readers.
  6. International House
    - a. Informational, promotional materials have been developed and will be distributed. Tim has emailed many departments and messages have been sent out on Student Update.
    - b. Housing for Scholars? – 4-5 spaces in the Fountains and possibly another location will be made available.
  7. Discussion on idea for an “International Certificate”
    - a. Examples handed out from Pittsburg State Univ and FSU.
    - b. Committee members at meeting were in favor of it.
    - c. This type of certificate may have to go through the APC process.
    - d. There is an “Experiential Learning Transcript” in the works that will list on transcript – Course Number, Title, Grade, plus Community experience information (both domestic and international).
    - e. Question of whether “international certificate” should go through Standards Committee or Faculty Association was also brought up.
    - f. Tim will call for a working committee on this.
  8. Request for mutual cooperation:
    - a. Universidad Mayor, Santiago, Chile – Andrew Gallo will be visiting next year. Exchange Agreement is in place with CCB but Mayor wants to broaden to university-wide agreement. Members who have interests/questions need to indicate these so Tim/Andres can share these with Mayor.
    - b. Tatar State University of Humanities and Education, Kazan, Russia – have indicated interest in agreement with UNF. Any interests?
    - c. Universidad Anahuac Mayab, Merida, Mexico – has an existing relationship with Kennesaw University in Georgia and looking for similar relationship with UNF.

Mayab students would come to UNF and Mayab would pay UNF to hold special lecture/conference for the students. A second request is that UNF would send our faculty to Mayab and faculty's costs would be covered, possibly with an additional stipend. Council members should discuss with College and get back to Tim on interests.

- d. As a standing procedure, Tim will email out information from universities asking for partnerships to all members so they can pass on.
- e. Question asked: Why don't we open up to any university asking for an exchange relationship? Response: Issues of academic rigor, compatibility, safety/security, faculty qualifications and balance of students wanting to come to UNF and UNF students wanting to go to host university.

Next meeting is Monday, December 8.

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