

International Council Meeting
September 14, 2009
Minutes

Attendees: Mauricio Gonzalez, VP for Student/International Affairs
Doreen Radjenovic, BCH Angeles Fernandez Cifuentes, COAS
Mei Zhao, BCH Claudia Scaff, COAS
Andres Gallo, CCB John Kemppainen, COEHS
Jeff Michelman, CCB Uli Decker, International Center
Mag Malek, CCEC Tim Robinson, International Center

Absent: Susan Vasana (CCEC), Mike Smith (COEHS), Mary Borg (Honors),
Pamela Zeiser (International Studies)

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

Agenda Items:

1. Welcoming new International Council member: Claudia Scaff as new representative for the College of Arts and Sciences
2. Monthly meetings for International Council:
 - Tim will send out note to check if rescheduling for another day would be possible as Susan has conflict on Mondays John said he has conflict on other days).
 - As of now the meeting schedule is planned as follows:
 - Mon, Oct 12
 - Mon, Nov 9
 - Mon, Nov 23 (last meeting in 2009)
3. International Leadership and Service Awards:
 - Recipients are:
 - Outstanding International Leadership - J. Michael Francis (History/COAS)
 - Outstanding International Leadership - Mei Zhao (Public Health/COEHS)
 - Outstanding International Service - Greshka German (relocated)
 - Winners will be announced during convocation on Oct 2
 - Tim will check with Mary Ann on announcement on Academic Affairs' website
4. Financial Aid and UNF Scholarships:
 - All UNF scholarships will now be available for UNF related study abroad activities such as UNF faculty-led programs and exchange programs
 - Discussion: should non-UNF affiliated programs be included in wording as long as the respective programs are accredited and pre-approved within the college?
 - Argument for inclusion: if resulting credits are part of UNF degree program, scholarship should be allowed to "travel" with student to a non-UNF program
 - Language in scholarship award needs to be refined
 - Tim will contact Anissa to obtain documents for review

5. Upcoming Topical Meetings:

- All Council members are invited to participate
- Tim will check on former chairs of committees and ask if they are willing to continue as core members of topical meetings
- Foreign Language Topic: International Council will invite Jorge Febles to the meeting and issue statement of support
- Upcoming schedule:
 - September 28: *“Increase Awareness of Existing Programs”*
 - October 19: *“International Certificate”*
 - October 26: *“Curriculum (including Dual Degree programs)”*
 - November 16: *“Foreign Languages”*

6. Faculty International Travel Grants:

- Tim asked for volunteers to update application and timing of announcement to faculty - Doreen and Claudia will update materials
- Budget yet undecided, approx. \$20,000 available
- Budget for travel grants comes out of ELP auxiliary which now comes under Tim
- ELP budget is based on Fiscal Year which has implications on travel time
- Some funds for FY 09-10 already spent on faculty travel during summer 2009 (July 1 and after)
- Award used to be \$2,500 but this could change
- Announcement of travel grants should coincide with TLO announcement – Tim will check with Academic Affairs on timeline and if any criteria on what is acceptable as a TLO has already been clarified

7. Regional Councils:

- Various councils experienced difficulties to bring people together for meetings
- Council thought that increase of interaction though Blackboard as not feasible (electronic discussions would kill discussions)
- Will be arranging “social” for all internationally interested faculty
- Consent on the fact that Regional Councils will need to establish an agenda and demonstrate purpose
- Regional Councils will need strategic planning and goals setting, e.g., looking for outside funding such as scholarships
- Councils will continue for another year
- Regional Council social event is planned for October 2009

8. Lunch with Chairs:

- Did not happen as planned – Tim will attempt to set up for this fall semester

9. International Student Volunteers

- Jeff mentioned non-approved flyering in CCB building and classroom visits
- Problem: potential email harvesting and students are not aware that there is no affiliation with UNF
- Tim will contact General Counsel about how to react and to prevent future incidents

10. Other:

- John announced a book drive for the University of Belize; any college-level book donations are welcome and should be directed to John Kemppainen in COEHS
- Jeff shared an article from The Chronicle of Higher Education about the University of Cincinnati and their database for international activities they created.

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