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International Programs Committee meeting minutes [updated November 19, 2013; approved November 20, 2013]

October 16, 2013, 9-10am, IH 218

Present: Marynel Ryan Van Zee (Faculty, chair), Pilar Eble (ex-officio, Assistant Director of International Student Programs), Chlene Anderson (P&A), Sarah Ashkar (Study Abroad Advisor), Viktor Berberi (Faculty), Sarah Buchanan (Faculty), Jimmy Schryver(Faculty), Molly Donovan(Student), Zehua/Jack Zhang(Student), Alex Kachan (Student), Michael Peters (Student)

Absent: Irene Maloney (USA)

After correction and approval of the minutes for the September 11, 2013 meeting of the IPC, a brief update on the activities of the Extracurricular International Programming Subcommittee [which has now awarded \$475.00 toward such activities], and notice from Sarah Ashkar that we should have some carry-forward from the student scholarship budget for last year [as 3 May/Summer 2013 awardees did not use their awards], the committee turned to discussion of the items listed under '**other business**' from the September meeting:

(a) re-visiting the relationship with the Learning Abroad Center and understanding how/whether the reorganization of ACE is connected to our long-term plans with regard to study abroad at UMM;

(b) returning to last year's discussion of the overall question of how responsibilities for "international programs "on campus are distributed;

(c) discussion of what our relationship to the All-University International Programs Council and/or any other All-U entities is/should be [and whether to revise our stated mission accordingly];

and

(d) checking in on the *Discovery Award*/funds with Jimmy and Sarah Ashkar, to ascertain if IPC should have any involvement in that.

We began with the final item (d), and received an update from Sarah Ashkar regarding this year's Discovery Award. The award is designated in alternating years for research or study abroad. Sarah was contacted by Laura Thielke and told that choosing a study abroad student this year was urgent, in order to meet the deadlines for donor-funded scholarship events taking place in November. ACE did a quick call and received 8 applications; the award of \$1600 will go to Gemmachis Bokku for study in India.

Jana Koehler has added a question dealing with plans for international study or research to the donor-funded scholarship application to generate a pool for consideration for the Discovery Award in future years. The choice should be made during Spring Semester, and the next time IPC will be involved will be Spring Semester 2015 evaluation of applications for the 2015-16 academic year[the research-oriented applications will be evaluated by the Bos-Tate committee].

Discussion of item (c) followed and yielded a set of suggested changes to the mission statement [draft appended] which will be sent, following approval by the committee and consultation with Dean Bart Finzel, to the Consultative Committee for approval at an upcoming Campus Assembly meeting.

The committee agreed that UMM's representatives on the International Programs Council should be drawn from the IPC: the committee chair, the Assistant Director of International Student Programs, and the Study Abroad Advisor, in particular, have been identified as suitable representatives. Much information is presented at the International Programs Council meetings which could be of use to UMM and there is a sense that opportunities may be missed if it is not conveyed to those with the authority and/or budget to take advantage of them.

This opened up a broader discussion about the mission statement and what the IPC should actually be responsible for on campus, blending with item (b). We agreed to invite Dean Bart Finzel to a future meeting to discuss the IPC's role in "internationalization" at UMM.

Topics of conversation or Q & A with the dean might include, but not be limited to: the question of who is charged with developing a long-term, cohesive vision for internationalization on campus; the processes through which international students are recruited, admitted and supported; how UMM is assessing whether the exchanges we have in place are beneficial to UMM students going abroad and what is required in terms of infrastructure or other support for their needs; and what the role of governance is in determining priorities in our internationalization efforts.

Although it was agreed that Dean Finzel should also be part of our eventual discussion of item (a) regarding our relationship with the Learning Abroad Center and our future plans for managing study abroad on this campus, this first meeting including will emphasize the other elements of 'internationalization' identified above.

Marynel will contact Dean Finzel's office and invite him to our "reserved" November or December IPC meeting date.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 am. Our next meeting date will be determined by Dean Bart Finzel's availability.

Minutes submitted by Marynel Ryan Van Zee

Proposed revision of the IPC's Mission Statement:

A. Mission

IPC is an active committee that oversees international activity on campus while shaping UMM's policies on **education** abroad. It promotes campus-wide international awareness through sponsoring programs (speakers, films, international events), offering grants to internationalize the curriculum, **screening proposals for UMM study abroad programs**, and screening applicants for study abroad scholarships.

B. Duties and Responsibilities

The International Programs Committee develops and coordinates international programs and activities on the Morris campus. It **acts as** a liaison between this campus and the university-wide **Global Programs and Strategy Alliance**, **and provides representatives to the All-University International Programs Council.**