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## **International Programs Committee [approved September 2, 2014]**

**May 2, 2014, 9am, Prairie Lounge**

In Attendance: Sarah Ashkar, Zehua (Jack) Zhang, Pilar Eble, Chlene Anderson, Sarah Buchanan, Michael Peters, Ed Brands

Absent: Irene Maloney, Jimmy Schryver, Alex Kachan, Molly Donovan

1. Minutes of the April 3, 2014, meeting were approved unanimously.
2. Report back from Sarah Buchanan on approval process for study abroad programs

This issue has been postponed to a degree because Sarah Buchanan's replacement has not been named. At the meetings with LAC staff, Sara Tschida indicated that she would like to be part of the proposal approval process and that she would be willing to come to Morris to participate. Criteria, etc., were not discussed.

Aaron Wenzel has been named coordinator of ACE and Sarah Buchanan assumes that her replacement as Faculty Liaison for Study Abroad [or the title now] will be named very soon. A meeting will be scheduled with Aaron, Sarah Buchanan, Sarah Buchanan's replacement and LAC personnel in May or June of 2014 to discuss all processes.

Sarah Buchanan suggests we move up the call for study abroad programs by about a month to coincide with the Annual Planning schedule. We could then provide a list of programs proposed for the following year.

Another issue that arose was the rule that if a faculty or staff person is on a 9-month contract, they are unable to be paid additional salary for teaching over Winter Break or Spring Break [the '100% policy']. This is a campus rather than university rule, and the LAC would like us to revisit it. Winter and Spring Break programs could be included in the tuition band for students, so it would be beneficial for them if we offered more courses over breaks, more 2-credit courses, etc.

Sarah Buchanan's replacement should be on IPC.

### **3. IPC Budget**

Marynel explained the origin of the \$2700 deposited into the IPC account in December 2013, which came from ISA as a sort of gift of \$100 per student when a student enrolled in one of their study abroad programs. This money is no longer coming in; this is a one-time deposit.

Sarah Ashkar advocated using this as scholarship money to support recruitment of a more diverse student pool for study abroad and/or money for students not going on UMM programs. Marynel explained that we learned earlier this spring that we have discretion over how we could use the scholarship money we receive from the LAC, so we can make awards for both of those priorities from the money we have.

Sarah Buchanan asked if we can get more money from the LAC for our scholarship funding, so that we can make higher awards per student. We need to determine how the decision is made about this disbursement and whom to ask for more.

Marynel reported that Bart has indicated he's planning to shore up our committee budget in the future, although there's been no detailed information about this. Pilar reported that the new international student surcharge might be creating a pool for additional support [which will likely first go to Econ/Mgmt. and ESL efforts] and Bart might intend to draw on that.

#### 4. Priorities for Fall Semester

--timetable for study abroad program proposals

--study abroad scholarships: criteria for review need to be established [use Gilman 'model' to create tiered criteria, etc.]

--study abroad scholarships: re-vamp application and discuss UMM vs. non-UMM program priorities

--money from Cargill Foundation will be coming in for *Sustainability Leaders for the Future* initiative; the use of this money has not yet been determined, but it seems like an international angle should be included – leadership will be established over the summer and we can invite that person for a discussion with the IPC

--keeping track of progress with LAC/transitions/programs running on our campus

#### 5. Confucius Institute update from Pilar

Pilar called our attention to the University of Chicago controversy over the Confucius Institute, but she believes we have nothing to be concerned about here. Our faculty select the visiting faculty member and determine the curriculum.

#### 6. Priorities for Fall Semester

a. It was suggested that we revise the timetable for study abroad program proposals, so that there is (a) opportunity to apply for money through GPS and other sources and (b) a little longer lead time for proposal review and approval

b. Criteria for the review of study abroad scholarship applications must be established [Sarah Ashkar suggested that we use the Gilman 'model' to create tiered criteria, etc.] – subcommittee responsibility?

c. Study abroad scholarships: re-vamp application and discuss UMM vs. non-UMM program priorities – subcommittee responsibility?

d. Money from Cargill Foundation will be coming in for *Sustainability Leaders for the Future* initiative; the use of this money has not yet been determined, but it seems like an international angle should be included – leadership will be established over the summer and we can invite that person for a discussion with the IPC.

e. Keeping track of progress with LAC/transitions/programs running on our campus [contract negotiations will be coming up]