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## **International Programs Committee**

**October 6, 2017 4:30 PM Science 2555**

**In attendance:** Sheri Breen, Barbara Burke, Jimmy Schryver, Joseph Alia, Ashiqul (Salvi) Alam, Karyssa Scheck, Elsie Wilson, Michael Peters, Stephanie Ferrian, Ray Lagasse

### **Introductions:**

There was an introduction of new student members of the committee, Salvi and Karyssa. Both have been members of IPC in the past.

### **Minutes:**

IPC reviewed minutes from our previous meeting. Leslie was missing from the membership roster and there was some confusion as to whether or not she was a member of the committee. Ray stated that it makes sense for her to be on the committee and that she could join as an ex-officio member.

Vote: Committee voted to approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

### **Announcements:**

Joe announced that ECIP and ICD forms and guidelines have been updated and posted on the ICP website.

French Club is to be reimbursed for funds that were approved the previous year, but never disbursed. In IPC minutes there is documentation of the vote in the affirmative; however the business office was never informed of IPC's decision. ECIP subcommittee voted to approve disbursing the funds.

Michael and Steph updated the committee on the status of our current non-affiliated process. There has been some interest by various parties on campus to alter the non-affiliated process, which would then allow students to attend programs outside of UMM's and the U of M system's current study abroad offerings. Due to a lack of available resources on campus the current sentiment of the administration is to not change the non-affiliated process. At present students are required to take a leave of absence if they desire to attend a program that has not been vetted by the University system or another affiliated partner. UMM has had a more robust non-affiliated process in the past, however due to changes in MN state law universities are required to hold more stringent safety and liability standards than the law previously required.

### **Subcommittee Membership:**

Joe laid out which committee members were on which subcommittee. Steph was elected chair of ICD. Michael was elected chair of ECIP. Sheri was elected chair of the Study Abroad Scholarships subcommittee.

**Scholarships:**

Steph updated the committee on the state of Morris' current study abroad scholarship pool. There are several new scholarships available. IPC has approximately \$9000 in scholarships that it will disburse this year. The current IPC study abroad scholarship is \$750. Other scholarships available include student stipends from Community of Scholars, the Stahman (\$1100/1), Morris Study Abroad Scholarship (\$1500/1), the David Johnson Service Learning Scholarship (\$2500/3), Study Abroad Scholarship (\$700/1), Discovery and Phi Mu Delta (\$700/1). AY 2016-2017 IPC discussed increasing the size of these scholarships to give a larger aid to fewer students. Karyssa stated that \$750 is not enough to cover a plane ticket for most programs. Jimmy suggested doing a pilot program where we offer fewer, bigger scholarships to understand if we are affecting those students who need this aid the most in a bigger way. Sheri suggested splitting the pool into smaller and larger scholarships that could be awarded based on financial need and merit. An informal poll of the room concluded indecisively that the committee was split roughly fifty-fifty in favor of giving out lots of smaller scholarships versus giving out fewer, bigger scholarships. Steph indicated that ACE could put all of the scholarships on the same application and the committee could then decide which students get which amounts. Joe indicated that we should move forward with the same system we have currently for this first round of applications and see if we would like to change this for spring/summer applications.

**ICD Proposals:**

Sheri informed the committee that the Dean will allow us to have an earlier deadline for winter break proposals. This is seen as necessary due to time constraints placed on winter break program leaders for the recruitment of students when the application is due in January with decisions announced in February. This change is coming because UMM has not recently offered winter break programs. The deadline would remain in place for non-winter break program proposals.

Vote: The committee voted to approve moving the deadline forward for winter break proposals.

Joe Alia motioned to adjourn at 4:35 which was seconded.