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International Programs Committee minutes from 3-12-19

Attendance: Emily Bruce, Barbara Burke, Ray Lagasse, Devon Johnson, Stephanie Ferrian, Sheri Breen (provided notes as a guide for minutes), Joe Alia (converted Sheri's notes to minutes)

Absent: Diwan Umam (student), Melissa Voss (student)

1. IPC scholarships restricted to one non-UMM program per round
 - o A few years ago we didn't have many other non-IPC scholarships available and so the pot of money was more restricted; now we have a few more
 - o Sheri Breen suggested the Study Abroad Subcommittee give preference to UMM faculty-lead programs. Discussion was generally in favor of Sheri's idea.
 - o Vote unanimous to add primary criterion about preference for UMM-led programs
 - o Consensus to allow subcommittee to award more than one non-UMM-led program scholarship for February and April rounds, if warranted
2. UMM Constitution amendment regarding elimination of IPC

Eliminate the International Programs Committee

Redistribution of responsibilities:

Control of international programs now runs largely through the Learning Abroad Center on the Twin Cities campus.

UMM has a faculty liaison, a faculty campus advocate, and ACE office staff.

Issues related to curriculum should be taken to the Curriculum Committee. Issues related to academic credit should be taken to the Scholastic Committee. Any policy-level issues that do not align with a core committee charge should be taken to the Steering Committee.

Joe reported to the IPC that he informed Ted Pappenfus on the steering committee of the inaccuracies in the rationale given for elimination of the IPC. For example, UMM no longer has a contract with the LAC and there was not much overlap in LAC and IPC responsibilities even when there was a contract. Ted will bring this up at steering committee.

The IPC discussed the proposed amendment and tried to think through ways work done by the IPC might be redistributed if the IPC is eliminated. IPC members think this would require hiring of more staff in the ACE office which seems very improbable. In addition, the IPC also includes expertise and viewpoints from around campus helpful in fulfilling its responsibilities. This would not be replaced by hire of additional ACE staff members.

Joe outlined current activities of the IPC in an attachment with the agenda. IPC members commented that an outline of work done by the IPC may help to clarify what we do. The outline is given below.

The IPC's work has consisted of

1) Discussing and making recommendations regarding UMN Morris faculty lead study abroad programs. We consider potential programs in regard to student demand, geographical regions and languages, academic disciplines represented, and attempt at a sense of equity to program leaders and students who may be interested in a given program. We make recommendations to the Dean based on the discussions we have

2) We discuss and make recommendations regarding support for international programs through the ACE office

3) IPC organizes work done through three subcommittees

- i) The International Curriculum Development subcommittee - decides on grants that go to UMM faculty to develop off campus curriculum, ie, study abroad programs, and on campus international curriculum. We award \$3-6K for this.
- ii) The Study Abroad Scholarship subcommittee decides on UMM student who should be award study abroad scholarships. (about \$9K is awarded per year) These decisions require substantial time and effort from subcommittee members because of the number of scholarship applicants.
- ii) The Extracurricular International Programming ECIP subcommittee awards small grants to faculty and student groups for international programing outside of classes. These are typically movies, performances, workshops, excursions by student clubs. (about \$2K awarded for these.)

There was discussion that evaluation and decisions for Study Abroad Scholarship awards by a subcommittee (ii above) consisting of faculty, staff, and students is a major contribution and a process that may be somewhat unique to UMM.

3. Ray's summaries

- o Mestenhauer Award (international) to Esmira Aliyeva
- o SUFE registration: Ray and Matt will go this year and also to Capital Normal in Beijing
 - Dean's office is working on possibilities for faculty teaching next summer at Capital Normal
- o International agreement in Nepal similar to SUFE (Katmandu); focusing on Econ and Management; Satis is the main contact; looking at fall 2020