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Minutes for a meeting of the International Programs Committee

The International Programs Committee had its first meeting of the 2011-2012 academic year on Sept 7, 2011, 4-5 PM, Imholte 202.

Present:

Tim Soderberg, chair (Science & Math)
Chlene Anderson (Online Learning)
Pilar Eble (International Student Program)
KT Lindeman (Student)
Swati Narayan (Student)
Kristian Nyberg (Student)
Michael Peters (Student)
Marynel Ryan Van Zee (Social Science, Faculty Coordinator for Study Abroad)
Jimmy Schriver (Humanities)
Sheng Xiao (Social Science)

absent: Irene Maloney (Advising)

After introductions, the chair went over the different types of grant programs for which the committee is responsible:

Student Study Abroad Scholarships

12 scholarships of \$750 each to be awarded per year, UMM programs only, three rounds:

Early November deadline for Winter/Spring programs
Mid-February deadline for May/Summer programs
Mid-April for Fall programs

Most applicants for Summer programs

International Curriculum Development (ICD) grants

- a) on-campus (enriching international component of on-campus courses)
- b) off-campus (development of international study experiences)

Extra-curricular International Programming (ECIP) grants

Total of \$12,977.20 for 2011-2012 academic year for ICD and ECIP.

The committee discussed whether subcommittees should be formed for each grant program, and the consensus was that this was a good idea in order to expedite the decision-making process. Subcommittees were assigned as follows:

Student Study Abroad: Chlene, Tim, Michael

ICD: Kristian, Jimmy, Sheng

ECIP: Marynel, Pilar, KT, Swati

In addition, it was decided that, as an *approximate* starting target, approximately \$3000 would be awarded to the ECIP proposals, with the remainder going to the ICD proposals.

Several members mentioned that they had been unaware of the existence of the ECIP grants, and that there would probably be lots of interest from student groups if the opportunity were better publicized.

One of the first things the subcommittees will need to do is decide on deadlines, considering, for example, how best to coordinate the ICD deadlines with the GPS Initiative grant deadlines on the Twin Cities campus. Jimmy, having been through the ICD/GPS application process last year, will have some insight on this.

There is already an ECIP proposal (\$400) submitted from Entre Nous: application passed on to the ECIP subcommittee.

(later note: the proposal was funded by the ECIP subcommittee)

Tim will check with Sharon Van Eps to see if the 2011-2012 budget includes any carry-over from the previous year.

Marynel, as Faculty Coordinator for Study Abroad, will solicit feedback from last year's faculty offering study abroad courses on their experiences working under the new agreement with the LAC on the Twin Cities.

Pilar updated the committee on the International Student Program, the first STELLAR program in particular. A major challenge for STELLAR and for the Chinese students in particular is how to encourage them to have more interactions with American students. Another issue is the extent to which faculty 'buy in' to the idea of having a growing population of international students at UMM, eg. there have been concerns expressed by some faculty regarding the level of English ability. Pilar is open to attending division

meetings to talk with faculty about how academic issues related to international students can be addressed.

Tim announced the visit of John Romano from the Twin Cities campus, who is in charge of the Global Spotlight Program (funding opportunity for international scholarship). Visit is on Sept 30. A general FACPA invitation to an informational meeting will be sent out, along with more targeted invitations to faculty most likely to be interested.

Minutes submitted by Tim Soderberg