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International Program Committee

February 23, 8:10 am.

Prairie Lounge

Present: Viktor Berberi(chair), Joe Alia, Sarah Askar, Stephanie Ferrian, Leslie Gubash-Lindberg and Ray Lagasse

Absent: Sarah Buchanan, Jimmy Schryver, Shingo Yamane

- I. Approve minutes from 2-9-16
 - a. Tabled in absence of meeting minutes

- II. Discussion of study abroad/LAC review (in preparation for visit by Bart and Aaron to our next meeting)
 - a. Sarah Buchanan (absent) has the results of the survey but not here to share. Overall impression was that results this round was much more negative than the meeting minutes from the last round made about 4 years ago. The general understanding is that the results from surveying faculty who have worked with the LAC over the years is that this round there were many more negative comments. It is possible that we could take a look at the results before the meeting. Viktor Berberi is going to see if we can see further results of this survey.
 - b. Ray Lagasse asked about moving the more of the responsibility from LAC to Morris. A discussion of constraints of Morris and disconnect from TC campus to the Morris campus. The topics of communication issues were discussed. Talk of program leaders working directly with program providers was important. The idea that faculty could not work directly with their counterparts abroad was disconcerting.
 - c. Since we may need a moment to discuss with more members of the IPC committee before addressing Finzel and Wenzel in the next IPC meeting discussion of arriving early to the next meeting was suggested.

- III. Continued discussion of request for position in International Programs
 - a. Tabled at this time

- IV. Information on ACE Study Abroad grant proposal
 - a. Ashkar gave a short review of the grant proposal that will be coming from the ACE Office. As a part of the discussion Lagasse thought we should comment that the QUIP review would help to develop a consistent structure to develop program for Morris students. This might also help develop a strategic plan for 5-10 years. Through the IPC discussion the QUIP might also identify areas that we had not thought about.
 - b. Stephanie Ferrian will share this discussion with Aaron Wenzel (coordinator of ACE and PI on the grant). Ferrian will also ask Aaron to share drafts with Lagasse and Berberi who might be able to offer some formal suggestions to add to the proposal as well.

- V. Budget update
 - a. Upon review of the budget Ashkar asked if there might be room in the IPC budget to help fund her travel to the Forum on Education Abroad Conference. Since there is no formal process for requesting funds from the IPC outside the established scholarships and grants, members in attendance agreed that Ashkar could request funds by writing a proposal and submitting for the committee review.
 - b. Ashkar's request began a discussion of a more formal process for staff to request IPC funds for professional development. Discussion of creating a form similar to those we request of faculty and all seem to agree that this type of request would align to the mission of IPC.

- VI. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 am.

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Ferrian