

MINUTES OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
February 6, 2009

The International Programs Advisory Committee met at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, February 6, 2009, in 3108 Blair Hall.

Members Present: Dr. Ronan Bernas, Dr. Marilyn Coles, Dr. Roann Kopel, Dr. Regina Nganga, Dr. Richard Sylvia, Dr. Deborah Woodley, Olivier David, Dr. Tesa Leonce

Members Absent: Dr. Stephen Canfield, Angie Norris

Ex-Officio and Staff present: Dr. Bonnie Irwin, Dr. James Ochwa-Echel, Ms. Sue Songer, Ms. Marilyn Thomas, Ms. Wendy Williamson, Mr. Farhan Aziz, Ms. Beth Craig (designee for Ms. Pam Collins)

Ex-Officio and Staff absent: Mr. Bill Elliott

1. Approval of Minutes:

- a. Dr. Kopel moved to approve the minutes of January 16, 2009. Motion was seconded by Dr. Cole and approved unanimously.
- b. Dr. Ochwa-Echel moved for staff to send out agendas earlier so that items from members could be added. The motion was seconded.

2. Reports

- a. Sue Songer
 - i. Mr. Elliott is currently recruiting in the Middle East.
 - ii. In March, staff will focus on recruiting Illinois community college students.
 - iii. A series of Tax Workshops for international students is being led by Drs. Bill Wootton and Tim Mills from the College of Business. EIU Accounting students will help with this project.
 - iv. Mr. David reported that a recent AIS bowling night event had 35-40 attendees.
 - v. On February 20, Dean Augustine will be hosting a social at his home for IPAC members and other guests.
 - vi. Mr. David announced another "Taste of the World" event with a theme of "foods that can be eaten in traditional modes." A dance will be held on April 3rd with popular cultural music.
 - vii. A poster project is underway to display artifacts from countries represented by our international students and faculty. Students' names will be on the board as well as their major, facts about their country, etc.

- b. Wendy Williamson
 - i. Faculty-led study abroad enrollments are down from 180 (Summer 2008) to 107.
 - ii. The highest enrollment is Netherlands Study Abroad with 20 students. Spring Break in Ecuador has been cancelled and will now be offered as an independent study.
 - iii. Since President Perry has embedded study abroad into the goals of the university, it would be helpful for each college to report on what is going on in its college.
 - iv. Mr. Aziz reported he has seen a drastic increase in interest in South America, Greece and Turkey.

- c. Dean's Report
 - i. The Board of Trustees vote on the reduction of tuition for out-of-state students does not apply to international students. It passed a resolution that EIU extend in-state tuition to academically-talented students to increase the academic profile of the institution.
 - ii. Also, international students do not get the locked-in to tuition rates currently available to domestic first-year students. Overall, International Programs is very non-competitive, but there are partners across campus supporting the lowering of tuition rates for international students which is currently three times the in-state rate.
 - iii. The new date for the Global Ambassadors event is September 18-19, 2009.

3. Other Business

- i. None

Dr. Regina Nganga adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING
Friday, April 3, 2009
9:00 a.m.
Blair Hall Conference Room 3108