

**International Education Council
Meeting Agenda
September 2, 2016
Blair Hall Third Floor Conference 3108**

Members present: Mr. Beluchukwu Ebede, Dr. Rose Gong, Dr. Nichole Hugo, Dr. Vanesa Landrus, Dr. Zhiwei Liu, Dr. Daniele Nardi, Dr. Robert Petersen, Dr. Catherine Polydore, Dr. Chao Wen, and Dr. John Willems

Members absent: Ms. Maja Dinger

Ex-officio present: Mr. Bill Elliott, Ms. Echarial Gaines, Dr. Ryan Hendrickson, and Dr. Kurt Olausen

Ex-officio absent: Dr. Newton Key and Ms. Sara Schmidt

Guests present: Ms. Rachel Lindhart and Ms. Kendra Schubert

I. Welcome

- a. Dean Ryan Hendrickson welcomed the committee.

II. Election of Officers

- a. Dr. Robert Petersen was nominated and approved unanimously to serve as IEC Chair. Dr. Catherine Polydore was nominated for IEC Vice-Chair and was approved unanimously by the council.

III. Approval of the Minutes

- 1) The minutes of April 1, 2016 were approved with no revisions.

IV. Committee Assignments

- a. There are three committees operated within IEC: the International Student Scholarship Committee, the Study Abroad Committee, and the Special Projects Committee. The 2016 - 2017 members are as follows:

i. International Student Scholarship Committee

1. Members: Dr. Zhiwei Liu, Dr. Robert Petersen, Dr. Catherine Polydore, and Dr. Chao Wen

ii. Study Abroad Committee

1. Members: Dr. Nicole Hugo, Dr. Vanesa Landrus, Dr. Daniele Nardi. And Ms. Sara Schmidt

iii. Special Projects Committee

1. Members: Council of Chairs, Mr. Bill Elliott, Ms. Echarial Gaines, Dr. Rose Gong, Ms. Lauren Schuberth

V. Reports

1) International Students and Scholars: Mr. Bill Elliott

a) Staff Update

- i) The OISS has welcomed an entirely new staff this year. Mr. Bill Elliott is serving as the Interim Director of the OISS. Ms. Brenda Cuellar is the Associate Director of International Recruitment. Ms. Krishna Thomas is the Admissions Counselor. Ms. Lori Click serves as the Admissions Assistant, in which she manages the initial application processing. The office has three Graduate Assistants: Mr. Oscar Borda, Ms. Martina Karmakar, and Mr. Arun Kumar Nagula. Mr. Elliott expressed his excitement for the semester.

b) Fall Numbers Update

- i) As of this morning, 433 international students are enrolled at EIU from 42 countries. This is an increase from last year's fall enrollment of 290 international students. The country representations are similar as past years': India has the largest representation on campus. Other countries strongly represented are South Korea, Saudi Arabia, China, and Ghana. This fall there were 158 new students – 115 graduate students and 43 undergraduate students.

c) Fall Recruitment

- i) Ms. Cuellar's intention for the fall is to focus more closely on recruitment. OISS has a partnership with College Week Live, a database that makes connections and provides student leads that Ms. Cuellar can communicate with online. Mr. Elliott is working on a number of agency and overseas partnerships to update them and ensure that they are receiving appropriate recruitment materials. Dean Hendrickson and Mr. Elliott recently spoke with President Glassman who is appreciative of international student recruitment and enrollment efforts. President Glassman has given initial permission to organize recruitment efforts and trips. Mr. Elliott added that there are close to 200 active student files that were not accepted for fall but would like to defer applications to spring.
- d) Orientation Summary**
- i) New Student and Family Programs played a significant role in the OISS orientation and their help was much appreciated. Mr. Elliott thanked Ms. Echarial Gaines for NSFP's work in the success of the orientation. The office received positive feedback, relaying that students felt very welcome and everything went very smoothly. The EIU campus and community, including NSFP student ambassadors, advising centers, campus departments, Salisbury Church and the Newman Center, for the warm welcome we gave our students.
 - ii) Ms. Echarial Gaines reported that 104 international students attended orientation. This was close to 90% attendance at Friday and Saturday's mandatory orientation events, an improvement from Fall 2015.
- e) AIS Update**
- i) Mr. Bill Elliott introduced Mr. Beluchukwu Ebede, President of AIS. Mr. Ebede was voted AIS president in May 2016. The first AIS meeting with all elected members is this evening. Mr. Ebede is thrilled about the caliber of members on board. They got matching AIS t-shirts to advertise, welcome new students and acquaint them with the environment as soon as possible, and hopes to sell them to fundraise. The first bowling event was a success. AIS is organizing a cultural night for October 1. The target is to partner with other registered student organizations and provide a unique experience for all students. AIS would like to make a documentary about international students to normalize the image of international students as well as use social media.
- f) TLC Update**
- i) Ms. Kendra Schubert, Director of Admissions at TLC, reported that there are 13 students enrolled at TLC for the August 15 – September 9 session. The next session starts September 12, expecting 11 students from China who have conditional acceptance to EIU as well as 4 from Panama, 3 from Saudi Arabia and possibly a student from Congo. The total enrollment in next session will be between 28 and 32. Two new TLC graduates begin their graduate programs this week – 1 student in technology, 1 in biology. There are currently 6 TLC graduates at EIU. Twelve TLC grads are expected to begin at EIU in the spring. TLC is seeking homestays for a group of students coming from Mexico in November. If you know of anyone who is interested in hosting a student from Mexico, please contact Ms. Lauren Schuberth in TLC.
- g) Dean Hendrickson shared that there is strong leadership through the Indian Student Association as well as AIS. Dr. Hendrickson thanked and complimented the OISS staff for their work. Dr. Hendrickson thanked Ms. Gaines for her leadership in the International Student Orientation and for being a part of IEC. He also thanked TLC for their presence at IEC and expressed his appreciation for their work.**
- 2) Study Abroad: Dr. Kurt Olausen**
- a) Office/Staff Update**
- i) Mr. Evan Lohmann, former Study Abroad Coordinator, left Eastern in June 2016. His position will not be filled for the time being. The OSA also welcomed many new faces, and is now made up of graduate students

Rachel Lindhart and George; Peer Advisors Lizzie Bridges and Kevin Cox as well as an OSA Intern, Jalisa Smith. There is good study abroad geographic representation within the experience of the OSA staff. They have hit the ground running and are filling the gaps.

b) Summer Programs

- i) Dr. Kurt Olausen presented the council with a fast facts sheet for 2015/2016 study abroad numbers. This is attached to the minutes.
- ii) The office ran 7 faculty-led programs this summer that took a total of 84 students. There were two new successful programs: CDS in Ireland (21 students) and Multicultural Human Behavior in Italy (13 students). There were 14 independent study abroad students this summer, which is down from 2015.
- iii) The new summer programs for next year include School of Business in Azerbaijan, led by Dr. Richard Flight; CDS to London and Paris; Dr. Daniele Nardi and Dr. Gary Canivez in Italy, expanding course options and credit for Psychology; Theatre studies in Ireland; Dr. Vanesa Landrus of Foreign Languages in Costa Rica with Veritas University; sustainable tourism in Costa Rica, led by Dr. Nichole Hugo.

c) Spring Numbers

- i) There are currently 24 spring applications in the system. The office has been experiencing a lot of student walk-ins.

d) Fall Programs

- i) There are 20 students abroad this fall, including 6 student teachers leaving in October; an increase from 15 last fall.

e) Program Initiatives

- i) The annual Study Abroad Fair is taking place on Tuesday, September 20 from 10 AM – 3 PM in the University Ballroom, MLK Jr. Union. Please share this with your students. If you'd like a poster, please let Ms. Rachel Lindhart know.
- ii) The Passport Caravan is scheduled for Wednesday, November 9. CIEE, a program partner of EIU OSA, is sponsoring 75 free passports for students. Advertisement is beginning and the sign-up will be open online within the next couple of days.
- iii) Dean Hendrickson thanked Dr. Olausen for his work and for his work in re-training a new office and moving forward with new events and opportunities for students.

3) Dean's Report: Dr. Ryan Hendrickson

a) Visiting Scholars

- i) The Graduate School provides on-campus apartment-style housing for visiting scholars. Dean Hendrickson is working with Mr. Mark Hudson, Director of University Housing and Dining Services, to increase housing opportunities for visiting scholars. Dr. Hendrickson thanked Mr. Hudson for working with the Graduate School on this effort. Three visiting scholars are scheduled for spring: 2 within business and 1 in biology.

b) Partnerships: University of Dhaka, Bangladesh; China

- i) A partnership is in the works with University of Dhaka in Bangladesh. This institution is very interested in a partnership with EIU and has been to visit EIU campus twice. They are making serious outreach efforts so we will reciprocate and work to get more students from University of Dhaka.
- ii) There are two initiatives from different institutional entities in China that are in motion. Further updates are to come in the near future.
- iii) There will be two more official members added to IEC for the academic year. There will be one student representative from Study Abroad on the committee. In addition, the Council of Chairs representative will be appointed as an IEC member.

4) Other Discussion

- a) Dr. Landrus asked if there were any partnerships in Latin America aside from Costa Rica. Mr. Elliott responded that the OISS is investigating these opportunities and searching for the right fit. Dr. Landrus volunteered to help in seeking out partnerships, as she is from Argentina and has contacts there.

VI. Items Pending

- a. None

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEXT MEETING

October 7, 2016

Blair Hall Conference Room 2116



2015-16 Fast Facts

Highlights

- Increase in average GPA – from 3.36 to 3.414
- Increase in minority student representation in study abroad to 19.3% (from 18.8% in 2014-15)
- Increase in students participating on exchange programs – 19, up from 10 in 2014-15, and 7 from the two years prior to that
- Number of graduate students studying abroad doubled from 2014-15
- Juniors represent the largest class group in study abroad for the first time since 2010-11 (possibly ever)
- The United Kingdom dropped to the #2 destination (it has been #1 for the past 3 years)
- Communication Disorders & Sciences appears in the top majors/areas of study for the first time, thanks to new initiatives in faculty-led programming in the department

Participation	Gender	Ethnicity	Class Status	% of FA15 enrollment
150 students studied in 18 countries	120 Female 29 Male 1 Unknown	111 White, Non-Hispanic 13 Hispanic American 11 African American 2 Multiracial 3 Asian American 10 Undeclared/Unknown	11 Freshmen 33 Sophomores 48 Juniors 40 Seniors 12 Grad Students 6 Unknown	1.92% of undergraduates 0.9% of graduate students
Top 10 Majors/Areas of Study		Top Destinations		
Elementary Education – 20 Communication Disorders & Sciences -18 Psychology - 18 English -13 Foreign Languages - 9 Biological Sciences – 8		Kinesiology & Sports Studies - 8 Political Science - 5 Communication Studies – 4 Family & Consumer Sciences - 4 Pre-Occupational Therapy - 4 Sociology – 4		Ireland - 31 United Kingdom - 24 Bahamas - 20 Italy - 19 Guatemala - 13 S. Korea – 6 Australia - 5 Germany - 5 Spain - 5 Costa Rica - 4
Program Type		Total credits received – 1295 (average of 9.18 per student) (based on 141 students)	College Participation (includes second majors)	
Exchange – 19 Faculty-Led – 97 Direct Enroll – 24 Program Provider - 7 Petition – 2 Student Teaching – 2		Average GPA – 3.414 (based on 141 students)	Arts & Humanities – 41 Business & Applied Sciences – 19 Education & Professional Studies - 45 Sciences – 40 Other (BGS, no major) - 3	
Scholarship Applications & Awards				
~\$60,300 Total awards		139 Total Applications 42 Individual awards*	\$ 17,125 Office of Study Abroad Grants (merit & need) \$ 31,562 Tuition Exchange Waivers \$ 5,814.92 Endowed scholarships	

*28% of students who studied abroad in 2015-16