INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM COUNCIL

Wednesday, November 2, 2011

Meeting Minutes ~ APPROVED

**PRESENT:**

Abourahma, Heba

Aswani, Mehak [SGA]

Bessemer, Mary [SGA]

Choi, Seung Hee

Didi-Ogren, Holly

Kardos, Judit

Mackie, Elizabeth

McCauley, Lawrence

O’Connor, Susan

Shenoda, Michael

Sow, Moussa

Stauff, Jon

Yadavalli, Sunita

**ABSENT:**

Fay, Kevin

**MINUTES:**

Approved with no changes.

Motion: Michael Shenoda

Seconded

**DISCUSSION POINTS:**

**1] Finalize *Subcommittees and Membership***:

* Strategic Planning: This subcommittee involves a significant workload. Its goal is to develop strategic initiatives and to take advantage of the opportunity to gain more visibility for the IEPC. It was suggested at our last meeting that this subcommittee revisit the 2008 plan. During this meeting it was suggested that this subcommittee help the International Students subcommittee come up with a list of exactly what type of information is needed regarding International Students at TCNJ. Seung suggested that we need a database of what students are here, what time period they will be here, and what they are doing while they are here. Jon will call a meeting of this subcommittee soon.

Members:

* + Heba Abourahma
  + Mary Bessemer
  + Holly Didi-Ogren
  + Kevin Fay [Tentative]
  + Susan O’Connor
  + [Possibly add Brian Potter and an international student]
* Off-Campus, Short-Term Program Proposals ~ Think about the review guidelines/criteria.

Members:

* + Mehak Aswani
  + Judit Kardos
  + Michael Shenoda
* Campus-Wide Governance [e.g. short-term program policies, student proposals and petitions, etc.] ~ There is nothing at the moment; we are waiting for CAPP.

Members:

* + Holly Didi-Ogren
  + Elizabeth Mackie
* Petitions [e.g. non-approved study abroad programs, etc.] ~ No petitions at the moment. Holly commented that the subcommittee should review the process currently in place and make their recommendations.

Members:

* + Lawrence McCauley
  + Sunita Yadavalli
* International Students [e.g. housing, academic problems, a mechanism for letting the CGE know that a problem exists, etc.]: Last meeting, Moussa suggested developing a policy regarding expanding the international student body on campus. What support/accommodations can be provided? Both the Strategic Planning Subcommittee and the International Students Subcommittee should probably collaborate on this particular policy. At this meeting, Moussa suggested that we review the statistics of what is already on our campus; he started looking at online information available on what is in place at a variety of other institutions. He also suggested adding links to the CGE webpage such as a link to International House. Another issue raised is the fact that TCNJ does not offer any scholarships to international students. Montclair has approximately 1,000 international students to whom they offer in-state tuition!

Members:

* + Seung Hee Choi
  + Kevin Fay [Tentative]
  + Moussa Sow
  + Sunita Yadavalli

**2]** ***Strategic Planning***:

Our strategic plan must be grounded on the institutional strategic plan. “Diversity” and “internationalization” are key areas of focus.

International House was in The Signal today. There is an I-House Facebook page.

We discussed developing a new business model for faculty-led programs.

We discussed researching the international student experience at TCNJ, especially vis-à-vis issues such as housing during College breaks and other services.

We discussed developing more relationships in order to viably increase the number of exchanges.

The National Student Exchange is a domestic exchange program. We discussed evaluating the overall value and usage of this program.

**3]** ***Other Business***:

Approved/Non-Approved Programs ~ Holly introduced this discussion addressing the fact that we need to be cognizant of the impact of the programs on the Center for Global Engagement as well as of the maintenance of requirements and good relationships of program providers.

Curricular Integration at TCNJ ~ Liz suggested that the CGE generate a list of items/information wanted from the individual departments. We can bring this list to our own departments as a start to see what we get. Ideally, we would get a list of the programs/summer programs that the department ‘knows will work.’ Holly stated that this can be linked through the development of our strategic plan; we can develop a template.

Upcoming Program Proposal ~ Simona Wright is proposing a new faculty-led Italian language program in Italy this coming summer.

Holly will contact Cindy Curtis [Faculty Senate] regarding the possibility of presenting the IEPC at the next Faculty Senate meeting and to discuss the nature of pilot programs and College governance.

**NEXT MEETING:**

Wednesday, December 7, 2011 at 1:30 PM in Bliss 145

Respectfully submitted by Susan O’Connor