

UCIA Meeting
February 14, 2008 10:30-12:00
International Affairs Office Meeting Room A

Present

John Albano, Scholarships and Financial Aid
Don Back, Director, English Language Institute
Mike Bertelsen, Associate Director OIRED
Jeremy Billetdeaux (for Steve Duke), Senior Program Coordinator for Education Abroad
John Browder, Professor, Associate Dean, Architecture
S.K. De Datta, Associate Provost for International Affairs, Director, OIRED
John Dooley, Vice Provost for Outreach and International Affairs
Paul Hover, University Libraries
Mary Marchant, Associate Dean and Director of Academic Programs, CALS
Lance Matheson, Associate Professor, Business Information Technology
Lynette Redd, Alumni Associate
Glenda Scales, Assoc. Dean for Distance & Learning Education, College of Engineering
Richard Shryock, Assoc. Professor and Dept. Chair, Foreign Languages and Literature
Debra Stoudt, College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

1. Welcome and introductions: Richard Shryock (for chair Andrew Becker)
 - The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Discussion

2. Update on the VT, India Initiative: John Dooley and S.K. De Datta
 - Virginia Tech is considering two proposals for establishing a graduate program in India. One proposal offers land in the national capital region near Delhi; the other offers land in Coimbatore, a small city in India's interior.
 - Virginia Tech administrators traveled to India in November to visit both proposed sites for the VT, India campus and meet with potential collaborators, as well as the Advisory Board that has been established.
 - Virginia Tech is finalizing an agreement with Indian company Tata International to co-sponsor seminars for business leaders in India. The seminars will address critical issues related to technology.
 - Ishwar Puri, ESM department head is also working with the Tata Consulting Group to develop a graduate program.
 - The VT, India Initiative is focused on addressing the long-term academic needs of India in order to expand its future professoriate pool.
 - John Dooley noted the article that came out in last week's "Chronicle of Higher Education" which addressed the issues of expanding to India.
3. Education Abroad issues: Jeremy Billetdeaux (Assistant Director Steve Duke could not attend due to illness. His proposed agenda items were postponed until a later meeting.

Senior Program Coordinator Jeremy Billetdeaux presented several items of interest pertaining to Education Abroad)

- Flyers were distributed for the VT, Caribbean program
 - On February 15, 2008, Education Abroad is hosting an information session with Professor Michael Kim, a faculty member at Korea's Yonsei University.
 - Education Abroad is hosting two more expos this spring.
 1. March 12 (11:00-3:00 in Torgersen 1100)
 2. April 15 (10:00-2:00 in Torgersen 1100)
 - March 28, 2008 is the deadline for to apply for scholarships for summer and fall education abroad programs.
 - Council members were given copies of scholarship applications to take back and distribute among their faculty and students. Jeremy reminded everyone that he and Steve are always available to come talk to classes and student organizations about opportunities to study abroad.
 - Council members discussed ways to distribute scholarship information to a wider audience. They asked Jeremy to send to Wanda Dean for distribution on the academic deans listserv. They also told Jeremy to start working with the Financial Aid office to use the Financial Gateway to get student information.
 - John Dooley noted that spots are still available for the Contemporary Europe program, an intercultural experience being held at CESA this summer.
4. International Awards (now three): Research, Education, and Outreach/Engagement
- Mary Marchant, Lance Matheson, Jeremy Billetdeaux, and Don Back agreed to serve on the selection committee.
 - The call for nominations will be distributed ASAP. All dossiers will be due to the committee April 1, 2008. The committee will pick the award winners by April 15, 2008 so that they can be announced with the other university awards in May. The award recipients will be honored at the faculty awards banquet, traditionally held the first Sunday after fall semester classes begin.
 - Rachel Judy will work with Susan Felker and Linda Price to distribute the call for nominations.
5. Medical exclusion from study abroad program: Lance Matheson
- Lance Matheson said that the College of Business has not resolved the issue of allowing a diabetic student to travel abroad. The student has not pursued his request. Lance did note that this will continue to be an issue that the council needs to learn more about and decide how to address.
 - The group would like to host a representative from the university legal counsel's office at a future meeting. Some members suggested that a representative from the ADA be invited as well.

Announcements

- The English Language Institute was awarded a contract with the Institute for International Education for a long-term intensive English training program geared

towards international scholars on their way to teach at various U.S. universities.
This program is expected to begin in April.

- The Lyric continues to host the Francophone film festival. It continues for two more Saturdays at 3:00. Admission is free.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Rachel Judy