

UCIA
December 6, 2007
10:30-12:00
International Affairs Offices, Meeting Room A

Present:

John Albano (for Barry Simmons), Scholarships and Financial Aid
Andrew Becker, Chair of UCIA, Assoc. Chair of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literature
John Browder, Professor, Associate Dean, Architecture
Cynthia Bonner, Chief of Staff and Director of Administration, Student Affairs
Jack Davis, Dean, College of Architecture and Urban Studies
Steve Duke, Assistant Program Director, Education Abroad
Mary Marchant, Associate Dean and Director of Academic Programs, CALS
Lance Matheson, Associate Professor, Business Information Technology
Fred Piercy, Department Head, Human Development, CLAHS
Gregory Sagstetter, Assistant Director of the Alumni Association
Glenda Scales, Assoc. Dean for Distance & Learning Education, College of Engineering
Richard Shryock, Assoc. Professor and Dept. Chair, Foreign Languages and Literature

Action items

1. Welcome and introductions. The minutes were approved.
2. Recognition of international activities
 - a. Jack Davis outlined the various international initiatives within the College of Architecture and Urban Studies (CAUS), noting that their international emphasis dated back to 1968. He spoke about initiatives to increase student involvement, as well as the heavy emphasis placed on faculty research and extension abroad. He noted that international experience is a key component in promotion to full professorship and the CAUS looks for this in the candidates it hires at this level as well. Davis also discussed the strong partnerships in Switzerland and various other European countries, as well as a growing interest in investigating expansion in China, India, and Punta Cana.
 - b. Fred Piercy spoke about international activities within the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences (CLAHS), noting that this is has not been a notable interest within the college. With the hiring of a new dean (Sue Ott Rowlands), there has already been more discussion and movement towards international extension, but the vision for what needs to be done and how to emphasize international study is still limited. He also noted that for international emphasis to grow within the CLAHS, there needs to be an established recognition for faculty whose work extends overseas.
3. Students with medical conditions and study abroad: Lance Matheson
 - a. The College of Business has a student who wants to travel to Asia, but is diabetic. Lance presented the issue to the group and asked if there was a legal way to tell this student that he could not study abroad because it was a huge medical liability. He shared a letter that was sent to the student outlining the college's concerns, as well as the challenges that a diabetic would face in that specific program. The group discussed various implications of refusing to let the student travel and it was decided that this issue needs to be submitted to university legal counsel for consideration. Lance was also asked to speak with Paul Knox, who has recently been confronted with a similar issue at CESA. The group also decided that more discussion needs to happen about developing guidelines for denying a student entry into a study abroad program.

4. Update on tuition returning to programs: Steve Duke
5. The revised Administrators Checklist was presented and approved for distribution. Steve Duke will distribute.
6. Response from legal counsel regarding policy statement on student responsibilities for Education Abroad: Steve Duke
 - a. The legal office reviewed the policy statement and opposed certain provisions. Steve will circulate the memo he received on this issue and agreed to update the policy with the requested changes and lead the discussion about it during the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Rachel Judy