

Minutes
University Council for International Programs
February 18, 2003
1:30 – 3:00 p.m., 325 Burruss

Present:

David Alexander, Chair, Ed. Leadership & Policy Studies
Carlene Arthur for Pamela Kurstedt, Assistant Dean, College of Engineering, NoVA Center
Kim Beisecker, Director, Cranwell International Center
Doug Borer, Chair, International Studies
S. K. De Datta, Dir., OIRED and Assoc. Dean, CALS
Monika Gibson, Graduate School
Dixon Hanna, Associate Provost
Daniel O'Brien, Assistant Director for Education Abroad, OIRED
Linda Richardson, Library Systems
Debbie Shelton, Alumni Relations
Judith Shrum, Chair, Foreign Languages and Literatures and Interim Chair of UCIP
Barry Simmons, Director, Scholarships and Fin. Aid
Nammalwar Sriranganathan, College of Vet Med
Robert Sumichrast, Assoc. Dean, College of Business

Absent:

Landrum Cross, Vice President for Student Affairs
Jack Davis, Professor, Architecture
Meredith Gavilan, Study Abroad Coordinator, OIRED
Tom Hammett, College of Natural Resources
Clark Jones, Vice Provost for University Outreach & International Affairs
Mark McNamee, Provost
Steven Milley, Undergraduate Admissions
Gerhardt Schurig, Biomed Sciences & Pathobiology
Rien Visser, Forestry Dept., College of Natural Resources

Guests:

Kieran Hilu for Judy Snoko, English Language Institute, Cont. Ed.

Welcome and Introductions

Doug Borer was introduced as the new Chair for International Studies Program. He is taking the position formally filled by Arnold Schuetz.

Announcements

1. Status report for Resolution for Administrative Responsibilities for Education Abroad Programming
The University Council was expected to have the second reading February 17, but due to the weather, it now won't be until March 3 or 17. After the first reading, Linda Woodard and Doug Martin made a few suggestions for the checklist, which have already been added.

2. Status of grant announcements
Due to budget situations, there will not be the number of grants that were first announced. Information should be available soon.

Old Business

1. Approval of minutes from meeting on January 22, 2003

The minutes were approved with one change.

Dr. Sriranganathan said the Chile exchange consist of two schools instead of six.

Dr. Sumichrast made the motion to approve, David Alexander second the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously.

2. Resolution on Research and Faculty Projects Abroad (Roger Ariew)

Changes were incorporated from the last UCIP meeting. A report should be given at the next meeting.

New Business

3. Volunteers for selection committee for Alumni Award for Excellence in International Programs; discussion of Call for Nominations

Handout – Draft - Alumni Award for Excellence in International Programs 2003 Call for Nominations

Shrum – The call will be sent out from OIRED. Some new changes have been suggested.

The selection committee for 2003 will include Judith Shrum, Mike Bertelsen, Nammalwar Sriranganathan, Daniel O'Brien, and Monika Gibson. The suggestion was also made to ask a previous winner of the award to serve on the selection committee. Dr. Shrum will ask Josiah Tlou and George Norton, the most recent winners, and will reword the call for nominations so that team nominations may be included. The 2003 winner will be selected by May 1. The 2003 committee will consider more changes to the criteria for next year. Among the considerations is a way to open the criteria so that staff members may be more readily included.

4. Roundtable reporting and discussion

Simmons – The Office of Financial Aid has now relocated to the new Student Services Building, room 200. The interest in financial aid for summer Study Abroad trips seem to be up.

Hilu – ELI March requests for enrollment are up.

O'Brien – A survey International Education just completed shows that from September 2001 to August 2002, there were 697 students that studied abroad. Of the 697, 244 went on a one semester program, 440 were summer, 13 the academic year and 30 were unknown. The total number is down from last year. Bilateral interest for 03-04 seems to be low as well. Students are now showing a higher interest in summer programs. The Refund and Cancellation Policy for Pamplin College of Business has been adopted and modified for the Faculty Resource Guide for Planning Short-Term Study Abroad Programs. It is on line as well.

Beisecker – Cranwell and the Graduate School is very involved in the new special immigration registration. Virginia Tech is even providing transportation to Arlington once a week. The list of countries required to go through this process is expected to increase. In order to meet the new immigration regulations, the first meeting was held February 15, for all international students here at Virginia Tech to receive information and paperwork. Approximately 90% attended. On March 11, in the Old Dominion Ballroom in Squires, the documentation will be collected and reviewed from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Expecting 2,000 students and would appreciate any volunteer help. A meeting will be set up for faculty and advisors by the end of the semester.

Undergraduate Admission numbers have remained the same as last years. There has been a shift in students coming from different countries. Whereas India and China used to be very close, now India is ahead. Thailand has dropped out of the top five and has been replaced with France.

Alexander – Three conferences coming up:

Educational Leadership and Ethics Conference

Exeter College, University of Oxford, Oxford, England

March 22-29, 2003 (space still available)

Educational Leadership Conference: China 2003

Beijing and Xian, China

July 1-14, 2003 (full)

The Joan L. Curcio International Women's Leadership Conference
St. Hilda's College, University of Oxford, Oxford England
July 26, 2003 - August 2, 2003 (full with a waiting list)

Arthur – Was approached by a faculty in Mechanical Engineering to establish a MOU with Darmstadt. The exchange would be for senior year mechanical engineering students to go there, start out with a summer language (German) program followed by internship with General Motors for the remaining term.

Sumichrast – In March, the College of Business will host the former Dean and the new Dean of INT to talk about the current exchange program. INT would like to expand their program.

Sriranganathan – Two undergraduate students from Egypt want to come visit Virginia Tech own their own for the summer. They are scheduled to be working in biotech research. Questioned the group on suspected visa problems and on the research and lab work in which an undergraduate students can be involved. Dr. Sriranganathan was encouraged to check with the Research Division on guidelines.

Gibson – Very involved with the SEVIS enrollment process. The deadline for compliance is August 1, 2003, for submitting new financial agreements. Graduate students should contact the Graduate School, undergraduates should contact Cromwell for more information.

De Datta – OIRED continues chasing after resources. Mike Bertelsen along with a group from Texas A & M are currently scoping out a project with IBM Consulting Division. Two officers from IBM have visited Virginia Tech and the return invite to their head quarters in Washington has been extended. IBM is a large consortium for Virginia Tech. Virginia Tech hopes to handle the linkage on student and faculty exchange.

Borer – Wanted the group to know that Arnold Schuetz is still around and involved with the Department of Arts & Science, Riva and the London program. Arnold's office is located in 201 Brodie Hall.

Shurm – Paul Knox and Clark Jones recently visited CESA. Some major extraordinary maintenance will take place on the structure of the building. At this time, there will be no search for an external director. A faculty and staff member from Virginia Tech will be involved in the CESA affairs.

Adjournment 2:37 p.m.

Spring UCIP meetings remaining:

March 19, 2003	2:30 – 4:00 p.m.	325 Burruss
April 16, 2003	2:30 – 4:00 p.m.	325 Burruss