

UCIA Meeting  
Monday, September 12, 2011  
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
International Affairs Office, Meeting Room A

Present:

Althea Aschmann, *Head of Cataloging, University Libraries*  
Lynda Bailey, *Assistant Registrar for Transfer, Office of the Registrar*  
Mike Bertelsen, *Interim Director, OIRED*  
Laurie Brogdon, *Director of Multicultural Alumni Programs, Alumni Relations;  
Office of Diversity and Inclusion*  
John Dooley, *Vice President for Outreach and International Affairs*  
Guru Ghosh, *Associate Vice President for International Affairs*  
Reed Kennedy, *Director of International Programs and Instructor of Management,  
Pamplin College of Business*  
Eric Miller, *Program Director, Education Abroad*  
Miriam Rich, *Communications Coordinator, OIRED*  
Nicole Sanderlin, *Director of International Programs, College of Engineering*  
Richard Shryock, *Associate Professor and Department Chair, Foreign Languages and Literatures*  
Barry Simmons, *Director, Scholarships and Financial Aid*  
Bob Smith, *Associate Dean and Professor, College of Natural Resources and the Environment*  
Debra Stoudt, *Associate Dean for Academic Policies and Procedures,  
College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences*  
Susan Sumner, *Associate Dean for Academic Programs, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences*

Guest:

Robert Siegel, *Director, Center for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Studies*

**1. Welcome, introductions, and approval of August meeting minutes**

Reed Kennedy called the meeting to order and asked participants to introduce themselves. Having received no corrections to the August minutes, he declared them approved as submitted.

**2. Education Abroad updates**

Eric Miller announced that applications are being accepted for next semester's study abroad programs with approximately 400 received thus far. Jennifer Sax has accepted the position of assistant program director and will begin on September 15. The Education Abroad fair will take place on the Drillfield September 21. He stated that upcoming website improvements, to include a revision to content management, will help exchange partners, students, and faculty use online resources more efficiently. He is also engaged in a series of meetings regarding financial planning and policy changes that will be brought back to the UCIA for feedback. Dr. Miller reported that classroom presentations on Education Abroad opportunities are also being scheduled. Space constraints on the Drillfield limit the number of spaces available for participants during the fair; among the efforts used to publicize the fair are posters, table cards at the dining facilities, and a variety of campus listserves. Overall, numbers of students studying abroad are slightly higher than last year (1180); Dr. Miller stated that most of these were white females on faculty-led summer programs. The demographic breakdown by colleges could also be interesting.

### **3. Student Exchange Agreement task force**

Eric Miller stated that this group had met to discuss an action plan that will be reviewed and approved by the UCIA. Other campus offices will be involved as well, in addition to incorporating feedback from students and advisors.

### **4. Funding for salaries for summer study abroad update**

Before addressing the topic of funding for summer programs, John Dooley mentioned that the resolution for insurance discussed at the August meeting was approved at the Board of Visitors meeting; it is a slightly different version than the one endorsed by the UCIA and is now in effect. Dr. Dooley reminded participants that he has not yet received information from all the colleges regarding salaries for faculty leading summer study abroad programs. Susan Sumner stated that CALS faculty are on 12-month appointments and receive no additional compensation; when they convert to 9-month appointments the salary will be supplemented. Pamplin offers a \$7500 summer salary for a three-credit, 14-student program with an administrative stipend of \$4000; if there are more than 20 students enrolled the stipend increases to \$6000 admin stipend. Additional faculty are paid \$2000. Debra Stoudt reported that the salaries for CLAHS are the same, but they face the issue of how to grow the number of programs since departments use previous summers' budgets for their funding base and support of new programs might mean that old ones do not get funded. The CLAHS annual report asks faculty to include a request for summer programs, which is then vetted by the dean. There is some funding available for site visits, as well as some private funding; the Center for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Studies will have operating monies in the future to support its international programming component. Richard Shryock added that CLAHS does not provide the administrative stipend and wished it were university wide. Nicole Sanderlin reported that the College of Engineering has only three faculty-led programs with no across-the-college policy; faculty leaders use their summer salaries and two faculty leaders would split the costs. Reed Kennedy added that Pamplin has been able to increase their funding because faculty are not reimbursed 100% of their meals and incidental expenses. Althea Aschmann said that some of their funding comes out of faculty development programs. Dr. Dooley stated that summer programs are under scrutiny and wondered what the impact would be if there were the freedom to build a program with no difference between in-state and out-of-state tuition; he advocated for this model for self-funding programs. The consensus from council members was that this would increase programs and student participation. Dr. Dooley continued by mentioning that the University of Virginia organizes their summer study abroad programs through their office of continuing education. Susan Sumner noted that this could lead to even more connections with industry leaders. There are domicile and financial aid issues that would have to be addressed, but Dr. Dooley remarked on the perception of greater flexibility offered by this possibility. Guru Ghosh referred to his experiences with a similar program at William and Mary, stating that there was an increase in enrollments and faculty-led programs and a decrease in program costs. Financial aid and scholarship funding could also be arranged.

### **5. International strategic plan update**

John Dooley had asked interested individuals to contact him regarding serving on this committee, but has not yet received a huge response. He added that this version will be a more comprehensive Institutional Plan for Global Engagement that will speak to engagement; this is the framework within which the committee will work and participants will be asked to think in this context. There was some discussion among council members if 'engagement' were the best word to use; Dr. Dooley invited everyone to suggest a better word that would best describe how to make an impact on society. Eric Miller proposed that a strategy for engaging businesses be included in the discussion for the plan.

### **6. Study Abroad Faculty Orientation update**

Eric Miller has scheduled faculty orientation sessions for the first weeks of November and December. This will include training for new/first-time faculty group leaders as well as updates for those who have already led students abroad. Dr. Miller solicited feedback for presenters as well as best times of day and added that an online version will be created. The topics will include discussions of risk management, fiscal responsibility, and course development. The trainings will be open to all group leaders and will not be college-specific.

#### **7. Evaluation of Pilot Program: Student Conduct Review Policy**

Reed Kennedy reviewed the discussion on student conduct from the previous year and the decision to identify students with past conduct/honor code violation in order to minimize problems on overseas trips. The process was implemented for 2011 summer programs and would be evaluated for its effectiveness. Frances Keene and Neal Kegley will be contacted to provide information on the number of requests received and consultations given. Debra Stoudt suggested that faculty be polled using a survey with a common set of questions, which could assist in identifying problems and complaints. The number of students who were required to participate in the judicial referral system could also be an indicator. Eric Miller added that he had had a few issues brought to his attention. Dr. Stoudt observed that even if faculty members had been advised that a student had had previous behavioral problems, they are often willing to give students another chance or they need the extra body to make their projected numbers. The policy and the history of its implementation were reviewed for the benefit of new council members. Debra Stoudt, Reed Kennedy, and Eric Miller will develop the survey, with input from personnel in the Office of Student Conduct and the Undergraduate Honor System.

#### **8. Update on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Studies Program**

Robert Siegle expressed his gratefulness to the council for its work on international matters and for inviting him to give an overview on this program, which arose from the Dean's Advisory Committee on International Initiatives (DACII) in CLAHS and the mandate to think of 'out-of-the-box' programming ideas. The impetus was based on student experiences and the reality they face after graduation as well as a way to help connect their study abroad programs with their actual fields/majors. The program seeks to draw on many disciplines and to imbed a study abroad experience in a larger program to which students are already committed. Participants will earn a CLAHS minor; there is a course of studies in addition to the study abroad segment, which in the summer of 2012 will encompass visits to Morocco, Istanbul, and Sri Lanka. Dr. Siegle explained that the students will stay with host families and interact with NGOs during their visits, and will participate in a capstone seminar upon their return in the fall. He hopes to recruit at least 16 students for the first year and can accept as many as 20; donor funding is providing for 2/3 of the program costs. He will be traveling with the group to provide continuity and each component will have separate program leaders who are experts on that region. Dr. Dooley praised Dr. Siegle for his efforts and asked him what his vision is for the future of the program; Dr. Siegle hopes to expand on this first year to include more students going to different destinations and perhaps eventually offering the program as a major. Dr. Dooley added that this could tie in very well with area studies, which he hopes will be more aggressively advanced. Barry Simmons commended the program for its funding and offered to help with financial aid as necessary. Dr. Ghosh asked how students will be prepared to visit three disparate countries in four weeks; Dr. Siegle replied that the group will watch films and discuss literature that will help cut down on 'culture shock.'

#### **9. Other items**

- Mike Bertelsen announced that 36 visitors from Senegal have arrived as part of the Senegal Education and Research in Agriculture (ERA) project. The guests will receive training in

pedagogy, English as a Second Language, distance learning, and the land-grant university system.

- John Dooley noted that the next meeting will feature visitors from the Office of Export and Secure Research Compliance to discuss an international guest registry. This is an important topic and many key players who would be affected by this are also involved in the UCIA.
- A presidential-level delegation from Tianjin University is visiting Virginia Tech October 24-25 to further grow and strengthen research and education collaborations.
- The new Swiss ambassador will be on campus October 21 – 22 and is interested in engaging with the community, such as meeting with CESA students to include the Presidential Global Scholars that has been created by the Honors Program. Dr. Dooley reminded the group that the Swiss ambassador also represents US interests in countries with which there are no current diplomatic relations, such as Cuba and Iran.
- Nicole Sanderlin will present on the Rising Sophomores program in November; Dr. Dooley asked Laurie Brogdon to provide an update on international alumni chapters in December. Dean Sue Ott Rowlands will be invited to brief the group on programs in Sri Lanka in the spring.

There were no further items to discuss and the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

#### **10. Schedule for future meetings (Mondays, 1:30 – 3:00, International Affairs Offices)**

October 10, 2011

November 28, 2011

December 12, 2011

January 23, 2012

February 13, 2012

March 12, 2012

April 9, 2012

May 14, 2012