International Education Council

Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.
Blair Hall Conference Room 3108

Members present: David Viertel, Kiran Padmaraju, Nichole Hugo, Kristin Brown, Kaleb Hemrich (Study Abroad Club)

Members absent: Gopal Periyannan, Michael Beck, Jessica Tindira, Akhil Aithahani (student member), David Melton
Ex- Officio: Dean Robert Chesnut, Mutombo Andy Kabasele

Visitors present: Mr. Benjamin Reinbolt, Ms. Heather Vaupel

Meeting Starting 10:09

I. Welcome

1. Approval of Minutes As revised: October 13, 2023: Motion: D. Viertel, K. Brown 2nd. Approve as revised unanimously.

II. Reports

1. **International Students and Scholars: Mr. Mutombo Andy Kabasele**
    a. Enrollment Update:
        1. Spring Applications
            a. 1290 G, 1233 UG
            b. 798 UG, 510 G
            c. I20 1369,
            d. SEVIS 331
            e. Visas 10 so far.
            f. Least countries- South Africa, Madagascar, Turkey, Cypress, Trinidad
            g. Largest population- 811 India, Nigeria , Ghana- about 800 combined
                i. Q- Education USA, pumping a lot of Indian students, number of Indian students stays in power. It also depends on Administration, but it might double by next fall. Also other students help to promote recruitment
                ii. Sponsor students to help with recruitment
    b. Staff Update: New staff members:
        1. We have almost all the staff members- Dean Chesnut has been a great help.
            a. Even though our office has grown so quickly, we are working on our 3rd person
            b. Our new staff members have been very helpful
            c. There are 3 candidates that are coming within the next week. All will be completed before Thanksgiving
    c. OISS Student Activities Update – Mr. Ben Rienbolt
        1. Successful grocery trip
        2. On Oct. 17th we hosted the glimpses of Europe for the Rotary club- we had almost 15 members- It was nice to have our European students present.
        3. We had a CPT session, and will have a follow-up session.
        4. Rockin' the pond had ~ 200 students, it was very successful.

5. Global Culture Night- We had the most people that have ever attended. Approximately 300 people attended, it was very successful. You can watch pieces of that on social media
6. On the Nov. 8th Ben met with faculty and students from communication studies. Ben wanted to talk about orientation to help and reach out to certain students from that country.
    a. One student stated they felt like they received more out of watching a video from another student from Ghana than he did from our normal orientation.
    b. So we are looking at putting some videos together to assist us with some useful videos to help students.
7. International education week is next week: 3 glimpses of Ghana, India, Dominica
    a. CPT session next week
    b. Exit and reentry session after Thanksgiving
8. Ben ended the fashion show.

d. International Students - Language Proficiency
    1. DuoLingo- Many universities accept this.
    2. IEC was contacted by the World Language department.
    3. Undergraduates who clearly speak another language. The process is very cumbersome for the student.
        a. How can IEC be helpful?
        b. Currently the student goes through World Language, is there an easier way to get this approved?
        c. They want a process for the student to help streamline the process to testing.
        d. Can someone's transcript be evaluated, or how should we assist in this process?
        e. IEC will continue to work with Modern Language.

2. **Study Abroad: Ms. Heather Vaupel**
    a. Faculty Led Summer Programs Update-
        1. Please see attached Heathers report.
        2. 103 faculty led
            a. Melton 43
            b. CDS-14
            c. India
            d. Sport & Industry -6
    b. Other Study Abroad Programs-
    c. Enrollment Update: 14 Spring- Europe,
    d. Study Abroad Promotional Activities
    e. Study abroad club
        1. Need to do more small meetings to gain more interest
        2. 3-5 PM
        3. International education week. Email EIU study abroad favorite study abroad or post your favorite pics
        4. Europe & Oceana
        5. November 18 is the next meeting
            a. Christmas related
        6. Ambassadors

f. Faculty
g. January 17th Study Abroad Fair—10-3 Wednesday

III. Dean's Report: Dean Chesnut

1. New person will be the administrative contact for IEC.

IV. Meeting times.

1. Want to look at moving the time back to 9 am on the first Friday of the month.

V. Meeting Adjourned: 10:55 AM

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Kristin E. Brown, Ph.D.