International Education Council
Meeting Minutes
April 05, 2024
Conference Room 3108 Blair Hall

Members present: Dr. Kristin Brown, Dr. Nichole Hugo, Dr. David Melton, Mr. Dr. David Viertel, Dr. Kiran Padmaraju, Dr. Catherine Polydore

Members absent:

Ex-officio present: Mr. Mutombo Andy Kabasele, Dr. Robert Chesnut

Ex-officio absent:

Visitors present: Ms. Heather Crank, Mr. Ben Rienbolt, Melanee Bates

I. Welcome and Approval of Minutes

Dr. Viertel called the meeting to order at 9:05. Minutes were approved by a voice vote

II. Reports

1. International Students and Scholars and Study Abroad: Mr. Mutombo Andy Kabasele

Mr. Kabasele provided an update on applications, 7444 apps last year, OISS at 4210 at time of meeting. 4,044 grad applications, the rest undergrad. Ghana and Nigeria responsible for over half of the applications. Attempts for more students from India.
890 UG admits – 1004 Grad admits
Students having re-entry issues, need to prove they can afford tuition
I-20 fee in place for undergrads. Transfer fee of $300 to be applied for fall.

2. Programming Update: Ben Reinbolt

Ben detailed accomplishments for this semester so far: three orientation sessions, a bowling event attended by more than 100 students, a grocery trip to Champaign. OPT orientation workshops (4 in total) on Thursday to help with OPT process. Future programs, a "First Glimpses of Asia" program which will be joint with Rotary for the first time, an International Services fair, a CPT session, International Day, two more grocery trips, a party on April 6, an award ceremony on April 10, and an International Food week.

3. Study Abroad: Heather Crank

Ms. Crank reported progress. Spring 2024 – 10 students (4 Spain, 3 Costa Rica, 1 Ireland, 1 Italy, 1 Germany), Summer 2024 – 5 – 7 students (Spain, Japan, UK, France, Multi-Destination, and China), Fall 2024 – 7 students (2 Japan, Costa Rica, UK, Spain, France, COST. Academic Year 2024-2025 – 1 application for Japan.

Promotional Activities: - 4/5 Open House in Ballrooms, 4/12 Transfer Day in UBR, Study Abroad had a table. 4/17 Glimpse of Asia: Study Abroad Edition @4pm in the Charleston-Mattoon Room

Ambassador's Program currently has 11 study abroad ambassadors. VP of Enrollment Management, Josh Norman, proposed idea of offering scholarship to 1 student ambassador who will be involved in EIU events by EIU Admissions.

Update on 3 faculty led programs: 1 - Exploration of Italian Business, Tech, History, and Culture, 2 – CDS Therapy in Jamaica, and 3 – Incredible India, Creating Global Educators.

Commitment Deposit Policy Change Proposal and Vote – Passed, proposed for all faculty led programs, 2 weeks or longer, have a commitment deposit of $1,000 and programs 13 days or less have deposit of $500.

III. Dean's Report: Dr. Robert Chesnut

Dr. Chesnut reported that evaluation of transcripts for international students will be done at the level of the college and/or department rather than in OISS. OISS will sign approval before forwarding a form to the Registrar. Thanks to Angie Cawthon in CLAS for piloting this process. The next item to address is possibly streamlining the evaluation of international students' fulfillment of foreign language requirements.

IV. New IEC Officer Nominations and Votes

Jessica Tindira – Chair
David Viertel – Vice Chair

V. Adjournmen

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 A.M..

Minutes submitted by Melanee Bates