International Education Council
Meeting Minutes
November 01, 2024
Conference Room 3108 Blair Hall

Members present: Dr. Jessica Tindira, Dr. Michael Beck, Dr. Catherine Polydore (via Teams), Dr. Nichole Hugo(via Teams), Dr. David Melton, Kaleb Hemrich (via Teams)

Members absent, , Dr. David Viertel, Dr. Gopal Periyannan, Dr. Kristin Brown

Ex-officio present: Dr. Robert Chesnut, Mr. Mutombo Andy Kabasele, Dr. Amy Rosenstein, Dr. Michael Gillespie, Bobbi Kingery

Ex-officio absent: Dr. Tanya Willard, Ms. Sara Schmidt

Visitors present: Mr. Ben Reinbolt, Heather Crank, Melanee Bates, Krishna Daravath

I. Welcome and Approval of Minutes

Jessica Tindira called the 9:00. Minutes were approved by a voice vote, 1st and 2nd by Dr. Michael Beck and Dr. Jessica Tindira

II. Reports

1. OISS, Mr. Mutombo "Andy" Kabasele

Mr. Kabasele reported to council regarding Undergrad Admission Award (Scholar Award) of $2000 for being admitted to Spring 2025, to boost 202530 applications. Currently just over 3000 applications. Admitted Grads – 581, Admitted UG – 413. Over all global numbers, 297,000 denied Visa.

Reported that at time of meeting there were 500+ I-20s issued for 202530.

2. Programming Update: Ben Reinbolt

Rotary club collaborations to Champaign for grocery trips, spaces for 9 people. International Global banquet this month, OPT workshops completing in Nov, 5th is Nigerian Independence Day, employment workshop "how to be hirable" with Mark Hudson, Chris Coffey. There will be a cook out at Martin park. Exit and reentry workshop, International education week Nov. 18-22.

Scholarship update, part of the program is not collecting all data of those historical recipients. Working with financial aid to assure it is updated and additional students paid. Message to recipients that scholarships will not auto-roll over per year but will need to apply Fall for Spring/Fall of following year (ex – apply 202490 for 202530/202590) and Spring for Fall/Spring (ex – 202530 for 202590/202630).

AIS Update – Krishna Daravath, Festival of lights 10/31 – 11/01 (Diwali), presenting cultures Nov. 15 @ international culture night.

3. Study Abroad: Heather Crank

Mrs Crank presentation of NAFSA seminar in Germany. (See presentation attached for review or those unable to make it to the meeting)

Reported Finalized Faculty Led Programs: Exploration of Italy, Technology, History, and Culture 13 applications 5 accepted (Dr. Melton), Art in Florence and Rome – 6 applications, and CDS Therapy in Jamaica 1 - application. Deadlines for J-Term, Spring Break, Spring Semester, due 10/28/24, scholarships ready to reviewby Study Abroad Committee through academic works **(Jessica Tindira, Cathrine Polydore)**, hopeful notification prior to Thanksgibing break.

Summer 2/11/2025, Faculty leds 2/11/25, Fall and AY 25-26 – 3/4/25. AY 2024-2025, one student will be at Kansai Gaidai University in Japan. Enrollment has 1 app awaiting review, 12 accepted into program, 6 of the 12 have committed to program. J-Term Enrollment - 1 student has dropped from their program. **Summer 2025**, 7 started applications, 5 accepted – total of 12. **Fall 2025** 4 applied, 2 accepted.

Activities - chip tasting success (chips from United Kingdom, Canada, Peru, India, France), Find your Wings had 30 students and 3 signed up, Study abroad presentation had 12 students, 8 students attended for SAC meeting. Upcoming activities include 1st Generation Week Table, Dia de lost Muertos Gala, Christmas event, finals event. Possible events – FLSA sessions, App workshop, SAC Event nights.

III. Dean's Report: Dr. Robert Chesnut

Dr. Chesnut led discussion of approval of Bylaws. Bylaws were approved.

IV. Adjournment

Motion to dismiss by Jessica Tindira,
The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 A.M..

Minutes submitted by Melanee Bates