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Minutes of the Meeting of the Global Initiatives Committee (GIC), September 11, 2018.

Location: Crummer Hall 213

In attendance:

Jim Johnson, Co-Chair

Giselda Beaudin, Co-Chair

Victoria Brown,

Jenifer Ruby,

Allen Johnson

Koray Simsek

Zach Gilmore

Marc Sardy

[Hilary Cooperman arrived 10:25]

Jim Johnson opened the meeting at 9:32. Members of the committee briefly introduced themselves.

Functions of the Committee

Jim Johnson reviewed the functions of the Committee and noted that the current structure and responsibilities was sought for many years by its predecessor, the Internationalization Committee, which the current Committee has replaced.

One of the main purposes of the Committee is to identify, prioritize and coordinate non-programmatic globalization activities currently done by the Center for India & South Asian Studies (CISA) and area studies programs such as Latin American & Caribbean Studies, North African and Middle Eastern Studies, and Asian Studies. One of the goals of the Committee is to do an audit of current globalization activities both on campus and as outreach to the community.

Budget. Giselda noted that raising funds to support the Center for Globalization Initiatives was part of the Rollins Strategic Plan approved in 2017. However, globalization has not attracted donors so the proposed budget might not materialize. The current budget to support globalization initiatives is:

- Rollins Internationalization Grants (RIG): \$89,457.56 (restricted fund)
- International Initiative: \$10, 439.01 (unrestricted fund)
- Total: \$99896.57

Some funding is expected to be available to support activities such as a guest speaker on an international theme.

International Admissions. The Committee is also expected to prioritize and make recommendations for regions of the world to target for student admissions, and will be working closely with International Admissions in this respect. Both Ed Bustos and Brandy Fransen represent that office on the Committee. Jim Johnson commented that the number of international enrolments fell this academic year; Jenifer Ruby will provide up-to-date numbers of international enrolments at the next meeting.

Rollins Internationalization Grants (RIG). A sub-committee will be established to review RIG applications, for both group and individual travel. Group travel to Albania in May 2019 has already been approved, led by Denisa Metko and Jonathan Harwell, with the theme *Cultural Resilience*. A call for applications is expected to go out in late September. Faculty can apply for either group or individual grants, and in the application they will be expected to explain how the experience will impact their teaching and research, with conference presentations and/or publications being a desired outcome. The following volunteered to serve on the RIG review sub-committee:

Victoria Brown, Marc Sardy, Hilary Cooperman, Zach Gilmore

Another sub-committee will be established to review international program reports for 2018/19 and proposals for international programs in 2019/20. International programs, including study abroad programs, are vetted here and then sent to the CLA curriculum committee for approval as needed.

The following volunteered to serve on the international programs review committee:

Allen Johnson, Victoria Brown, Marc Sardy

Benchmarking. Another function of the Committee is to review what our peer schools and aspirational schools are doing to benchmark best practices in globalization initiatives. This will be an ongoing activity over the course of the year.

Annual Report. Jim Johnson emphasized that the Committee will submit a report to the Provost at the end of the academic year, so there is a need to establish measurable, realistic goals for what the Committee intends to achieve this year.

Future Meetings. The committee will plan to meet monthly initially, but this is subject to change as necessary. After some discussion, it was agreed that **Thursdays 9:30-10:30** is the most convenient time, preferably on the first Thursday of the month, in **Crummer 213**. The dates for this semester's meetings are as follows:

October 4

November 1

November 29 (brought forward from December 6 because of final exams, etc.)

The Committee agreed that transparency is essential, and the consensus was that BlackBoard is the best medium to share information with faculty and staff, such as meeting times, agendas, and minutes. Jim Johnson will arrange to set up a BlackBoard site.

Center for India & South Asian Studies (CISA)

Jim Johnson provided a brief background on the history of the China Center (now defunct) and the Center for India & South Asian Studies (CISA). The latter was established in the wake of an expected strategic partnership with Jindal Global University in India, which did not meet its expectations. With the CISA Director, Yudit Greenberg, planning to spend the Spring '19 semester in India on a Fulbright-Nehru grant, the issue of how to transition CISA to within the responsibility of the Committee was briefly discussed. Jenifer Ruby suggested that the committee first needs to agree on a suitable model or structure for engaging CISA and the regional academic programs, so further discussion was tabled until the next meeting. Giselda Beaudin suggested inviting Yudit Greenberg to the next committee meeting, which was approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40.