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Global Initiatives Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 4, 2018

In attendance: Giselda Beaudin, Victoria Brown, Hilary Cooperman, Zach Gilmore, Yudit Greenberg, Allen Johnson, Jim Johnson, Jenifer Ruby, Marc Sardy, Jayashree Shivamoggi, Koray Simsek, Zeynep Teymuroglu

- Jenifer Ruby shared International Students Statistics:
 - 266 total, 6 EDDBA, 26 Crummer MBA, 184 CLA, Holt undergrad 39, Holt grad 17
 - Brazil top sending with 34 students, Venezuela 26, UK 18, India 16, Canada 15, China 15, Germany 13, Colombia and Spain 9
- Introductions of members again
 - Staff representative Jayashree Shivamoggi
 - Student representative Valerie Cepero
- Approval of minutes from the September meeting
 - Minutes approved
- Updates on call for RIG grants:
 - Jim had sent out an explanation of RIG grants to all faculty and staff. He clarified to the Committee that there are separate budgets for individual RIG travel and group RIG travel.
 - Albania seminar and individual travel were both sent out
- Discussion of potential models for supporting regions and countries of focus
 - Reviewed potential models discussed in the past
 - Main issue is that support for different regions/countries comes from various quarters and is ad hoc. There is a need for more awareness of what we are doing. No organized game plan as to why and what we are doing.
 - If we focused on regions, would there be a better way to formalize global strategy?
 - The intention is not to cease any ongoing work or initiatives, but just to give more shape and strategy to larger events and initiatives in relation to particular regions or countries.
 - We may decide that we don't want a country or regional focus.
 - Africa as a potential focus – serves as an example of a place where several faculty and staff are doing work, but may not be aware of each other's efforts
 - Having a country or region as a focus allows the community to understand that there is a theme each year. Apparently was done at Rollins in the past
 - Hybrid model might be best for students since students are only here for four years
 - This committee could support and coordinate more of what we are already doing via area studies programs and then also do a rotating focus once every year or every few years.
 - Using structures that already exist seems to make sense
 - Start with existing area studies and develop a good process, then possibly expand beyond those programs.
 - Maybe have area studies programs propose each year to be the focus area
 - CISA is doing much of this – coordinating events, bringing people together, listing faculty scholarship, but hasn't really been connected with Asian Studies. Also hasn't been able to fully support collaborations. More focused on awareness and connections among those working in India and South Asia.
- Discussion of the role of committee in also just drawing attention to global work, connecting people doing work in the same regions etc.

- Idea of working groups on different regions – bringing together faculty who are already doing work in that region, plus those interested in doing a project or event
- Maybe working groups could liaise with the Global Initiatives committee
- No database exists about faculty and staff expertise and interest in different countries/regions. Could develop working groups from that, also have a website or some kind of searchable site with focus areas and themes.
- Have a gathering for anyone interested in global work at all – to develop connections and contacts.
- Also maybe make an announcement at an all-faculty meeting.
- Survey:
 - The committee agreed that a good start would be to survey what global initiatives are currently being done on campus
 - Jenifer volunteered to do a draft and Marc said he would help
 - Region and specific countries where people have expertise/do work
 - Also global issues
 - Will send draft out to committee for review
- Event for Intl Education Week:
 - Maybe do an event during International Education week Nov. 12-16.
 - Thursday evening or Monday evening that week might be possible.
 - Diwali is also that week on Nov. 13. Typically gets 200-300 people. Organized by DESI with support from CISA.