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Global Initiatives Committee
Meeting Minutes
11/1/2018

In attendance: Jim Johnson, Giselda Beaudin, Jayashree Shivamoggi, Koray Simsek, Zeynep Teymuroglu, Allen Johnson, Hilary Cooperman

- Approval of minutes from 10/4
- Update from Study Abroad Sub-Committee:
 - The sub-committee met and endorsed the following Approved Semester Programs for continuation with the following recommendations: ISA Argentina – consider other housing options, CYA Greece, Hong Kong Baptist University, Junior Year in Munich, Lancaster University
 - The sub-committee is meeting in November to review Maynooth University, Rollins in Oviedo, Queen Mary University of London, and Rollins in Shanghai – and, if there is time, the International Programs Annual Report for 2017-18.
- Update from the RIG sub-committee:
 - We received and reviewed 12 applications for the travel seminar to Albania
 - 10 applicants were approved and two were denied (one with a recommendation to apply for an individual grant instead)
 - Notifications were sent out to applicants on October 27. Giselda created a survey for applicants to confirm participation and provide information to the program leaders (date of birth, passport info, dietary restrictions, spring schedule, etc.).
 - Applicants received the survey link and were asked to complete it by Nov. 4
- RIG grants
 - We have not received any individual grant applications
 - Jim will send out a reminder about individual grants and a reminder about proposals for group travel – due sometime around March 31
- Continued discussion of areas/regions of focus
 - Based on our conversation last meeting it seems like we might be moving towards the following draft model:
 - Move away from having standing “centers” that automatically receive funding and staffing (i.e. faculty course release)
 - Instead have the Global Initiatives committee conduct a survey and hold events to connect people working in the same areas of the world or even on the same global themes and support “working groups” that can ebb and flow based on interest and energy from those involved in the working groups
 - Potentially develop a general process by which any group or individual can apply for funding/support from Global Initiatives for an international initiative or event
 - Is there an impact on international admissions – i.e. does having a particular center for a region or country help with recruitment?
 - Concerns were raised about the sustainability of working groups, particularly in regards to maintaining relationships with local community partners
 - Should there be an incentive for the individual(s) leading the group in order to increase sustainability? A stipend? Or count towards service or tenure?
 - Currently the CISA Faculty Director receives a partial course release? Do Directors of Academic Programs receive course releases?

- Is it reasonable to shift from course release (partial) to stipends or other incentives for center directors?
- What support do we have for the different existing models: centers, academic programs, working groups
- If we want to make it more formal, and provide incentives, then we would need to review proposals and then review a report at the end of the year in order to increase accountability.
- Maybe move towards a model where academic programs, working groups or “centers,” can all submit proposals to Global Initiatives for an annual budget (in the case of more formal “centers”) or just a particular initiative or event.
- Look at some different models for funding and pull budget numbers together for next meeting so that we have a more concrete idea of what we could actually fund.
- Need to avoid duplicating funding that already exists – i.e. funds for student organization events, TPJ speakers, etc.
- Idea to approach WPI about connecting the speakers’ series with a particular global theme, such as Global Peace.
- Updates on International Education Week – schedule has gone out, please help spread the word about the events!
- Next Meeting, 11/29: Please bring spring schedules so we can set dates and times for spring meetings