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Global Initiatives Committee

Meeting Minutes: October 28, 2019

In attendance: Jim Johnson, Giselda Beaudin, Zackary Gilmore, Koray Simsek, Jay Shivamoggi, Alberto Prieto-Calixto, Hilary Cooperman, Marc Sardy, Ed Bustos, Jenifer Ruby

- Approval of minutes: Motion from Jim Johnson; seconded by Jay Shivamoggi; all approve.
- Report from Study Abroad Sub-Committee:
 - Committee reviewed the IP Annual report and is reviewing 5 Approved Semester Programs. Completed reviews of the first two programs.
 - IAU College in Aix-en-Provence France:
 - No significant concerns.
 - Recommendation to continue to offer the program for at least the next 3 academic years, through 2021-22. Will be re-evaluated at that time in consultation with any new faculty member(s) in French.
 - IP will work with key academic areas to determine other majors that may a strong fit for the program since enrollments to date have been low.
 - Jacobs University in Bremen, Germany
 - Some concerns with student feedback, academic rigor, and program instability (curricular changes).
 - Some students feel courses are less demanding and others feel they are more demanding than those at Rollins. Grades do not suggest courses are too easy. The perception of Jacobs in Germany is somewhat negative though this may be because it is a private institution. Dr. Decker and Dr. Kline both visited the institution and had positive impressions. Giselda Beaudin has taught there and found students to be bright and engaged.
 - Recommendation to continue to offer the program through at least the 2020-21 academic year. Will be re-evaluated at that time in consultation with any new faculty member(s) in German.
 - IP will work with key academic areas to determine majors that are a strong fit for the program, will continue to closely monitor the situation and stability at Jacobs University, and will carefully review student feedback with a particular focus on course rigor.
 - Giselda did use the draft “Global Experience” rubric as part of these program reviews and found it to be a useful tool.
- Update on regional interest group lunches and report on first lunch event
 - First brown bag lunch event was focused on the China belt and road initiative
 - Only five people attended, three of whom were committee members and one of whom was the invited speaker.
 - However, we only invited individuals who attended the reception and maybe the invite should have been sent campus-wide.
 - Wenxian Zhang provided an overview of the recent “China Goes Global” conference hosted by Rollins.
 - Second brown bag lunch on the Americas is scheduled for 10/29 and Nolan Kline is speaking about his work on immigration.
- Determine any further next steps for regional interest groups
 - Continue to organize some events to create connections and encourage discussion.

- For the spring term, aim to organize one virtual meeting and one “happy hour” event either in Dave’s Down Under or off-campus.
- Could do a different region and/or a topic that cuts across regions.
- Consider putting out a call for individuals interested in doing an informal presentation at one of these events.
- Committee members should look at the calendar to identify weeks in the spring that might work well for these events.
- Announcements:
 - Albania Faculty-Staff Travel Seminar campus Photo exhibit and reception on 11/20 from 4-5:30 in CFAM foyer with food and drink
 - Other International Education Week events
 - New WPRK radio show with a focus on international students but contact Jenifer if you are interested in sharing your country/culture.
 - Devali on-campus celebration will be on 11/6
- Update on Colombia Faculty-Staff Travel Seminar
 - 12 applications received
 - RIG sub-committee and seminar leaders meeting this week to make decisions
- Update on Global Initiatives website
 - In-progress
 - Broad structure includes a landing page with basic information, news and announcements, pages for the different grants administered through the center, a global engagement page that will be fairly flexible, a page to share our data and results, and a page with further information about the Center and committee.
 - Working with IT to try and feed in calendar events related to global topics/global learning
- Global Experiences Rubric:
 - Received feedback from Toni Holbrook and Nancy Chick
 - Accepted all editing and formatting changes
 - Agreed that an additional framing statement may be needed to better explain the use of the rubric and encourage a variety of experiences, including those that are less immersive
 - Hilary Cooperman, Zack Gilmore, and Koray Simsek agree to work on this statement and any other adjustments to the rubric based on the feedback.
 - Aim to have a revised draft by next week.
- Some discussion from CLA faculty about moving Diversity Council under faculty governance – may need to follow-up about whether there are concerns/questions about this committee as well.