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### **Minutes, Global Initiatives Committee Meeting, Monday, October 16, 2023**

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## Global Initiatives Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 16, 2023

In attendance: AJ Althuis, Brian Barilone (guest), Giselda Beaudin, Ed Bustos, Dan Chong, Kennedy Esteen (guest), Robin Gerchman, Juan Guevara Pinto, Jim Johnson, Rebecca Powell (guest), Tonja Powell, Mary Choi Robinson (non-voting), Kathy Rovito, Jenifer Ruby, Sana Alaya Seghair, Jie Yu, Karen Chamberlin (non-voting)

- Approval of 9/29/23 meeting minutes
  - Dan motioned to approve as submitted. Jim seconded.
  - Approved unanimously. Minutes will be submitted to Rollins Archives.
  
- Debrief on grant workshop and reminder to help promote the Tunisia Travel Seminar
  - There was low attendance at the GIC grant workshop held on October 6, likely attributable to being held on the Friday preceding Fall Break. Will make note of this for next year's workshop.
  - May want to hold another grant workshop in the spring.
  - Only one proposal received to-date for Tunisia seminar.
  - Giselda Beaudin will send out campus-wide reminder again, but encouraged Committee members to promote the program to faculty and staff in their areas.
  - Application deadline is October 25, 2023.
  
- Reports on International Student Enrollments, Enrollment Targets, and Ongoing Student Support:
  - Holt update by Brian Barilone, Director of Admission, Hamilton Holt School
    - Holt team doesn't travel internationally for recruitment; Ed Bustos's team represents Holt internationally.
    - Seeing a trend of more interest for Holt among international students, though some of these are applications that are from students who are not serious applicants
    - Interest in Public Health, Communications, but typically not for degrees with certification such as Mental Health Counseling and Education because they don't typically translate to home countries.
  
  - Crummer update by Rebecca Powell, Recruitment Manager, Crummer School of Business
    - Crummer – working to gather better data on international students, including students with different visa statuses and US citizens from abroad
    - No international recruitment travel
    - They are restarting their Executive MBA program which was on hold in fall 2023, for Fall 2024, and this is a program for which students can obtain F-1 visas
    - Crummer is also developing Graduate Certificates and is actively working with OISS to see if F-1 students are eligible for these programs
    - Crummer still has some concerns about the difficulty for international students in acquiring visas: one student had to delay entry, however, that was a unique case.
    - Crummer: barrier of entry for int'l students is the required GMAT, Crummer is looking at this issue
  
  - College of Liberal Arts update by Ed Bustos, Director of International Admission

- Please see table at the end of the document for detailed statistics
  - 2 great back-to-back years of admissions
  - Seeing increase in international student applications
  - 2249 applications from undergraduate students for 2023, but approximately 400 are not qualified (e.g.: not eligible for undergraduate admission, not serious applicants)
  - About 90% of enrolled international students receive some sort of aid
  - Deadline for international students was March 1, and due to high levels of committed domestic students, had to stop accepting international students so did not meet targets in 2023 in order to limit overall class size
  - 18 US citizens from abroad
  - Goal for 2024 CLA is 9% International students
  - Stopped recruitment in Asia except for India; focusing more on African countries.
  - Deadline will be Feb 1, 2024 for this year's acceptance so that international students are treated the same as domestic students
  - Most offers go out in November for early decision, have until May 1 to deposit, but many students are making early deposits
  - Jenifer pointed out that 2019 enrollment (56 students – largest group in recent years) has now graduated, affecting current overall international enrollment
  - Many other countries are now recruiting more aggressively
  - Most international students at Rollins are business majors
  - Rollins doesn't offer many majors that are of interest to international students who tend to be focused on STEM, Computer Science, Business (especially Finance). Rollins Computer Science has grown but still has limited faculty/classes.
- Overall College update by Jenifer Ruby, Director of Office of International Student and Scholar Services
    - Top 10 international countries by rank: Brazil, UK, Germany, Canada, India, Mexico, Colombia, China, DR, Spain
      - Ed Bustos reported that there is no recruitment travel to China
      - Jenifer Ruby reported that top 10 countries follow athletic interest/coaches connections to some extent
    - Top majors among International students: Business Management, International Business, Computer Science, and Business Administration (Crummer).
    - STEM majors can remain in the United States for three years after graduation on OPT which is appealing to students (normal OPT is only one year and work visas are very difficult to obtain).
    - STEM OPT is determined by the Department of Education codes for the specific major
    - There was conversation around exploring whether there would be a way to adjust Psychology and Economics to have their codes qualify for the STEM OPT
    - Ed Bustos confirmed that many students do ask whether Economics/Psychology are STEM OPT designated
  - Any other recommendations/concerns to address or share with the Provost, the Executive Director of Enrollment Management for Crummer, and the Vice-President for

Enrollment Management and Marketing for the College of Liberal Arts regarding international student enrollments and support

- Housing for CLA International transfer students
  - Housing was limited or unavailable for late international acceptances; need to prioritize housing for international students – difficult for them to find and pay for off-campus housing for reasons such as credit, etc.
  - More students want to live on-campus as it is more affordable than off-campus (this is a change as off-campus housing has increased in price)
  - Concern about less housing availability in AY24-25 due to decommissioning of Holt building
  - It is extremely difficult for international students to manage the process to rent off-campus housing (they don't have credit ratings, may not have a vehicle, don't know U.S. norms for rentals, etc.)
- RCC courses for incoming CLA exchange students
  - This year, exchange students were registered for the transfer RCC fairly late in the process because they had not been registered in that class consistently in recent years
  - Some students are unhappy in the RCC courses because they feel the courses are not relevant to them.
  - However, staff in International Student and Scholar Services and International Admissions feel that the 2-credit transfer RCC helps connect them to a cohort and introduce them to Rollins
  - Moving forward, students will be notified earlier about the course to set clear expectations
- Rollins International Grant Reporting Requirements
  - Agreed to table discussion until next meeting
- Upcoming Meeting:
  - Friday, November 17, 2023, 1-2p, KWR 340

**CLA International Enrollments from Ed Bustso  
(does not include US citizens from abroad or exchange students)**

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 YDT	
Total Apps	6166	6078	8422	9722	9797	1825	
Total Accepts	3577	3963	4092	4510	3973		
Gross Deposit	643	619	632	714	719		

Net Deposit	559	503	555	632	638		
International Apps	747	878	1237	1897	2249	198	
Total Accepts	278	327	360	360	282		
Gross	66	52	60	67	60		
Enrolling	56	30	43	47	48		
International Percentage	10.00%	6%	7.70%	7.40%	7.50%	9%	Goal