



EDUCATION ABROAD COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Called by: Iyonka Strawn-Valcy (Chair)

Meeting Date: 4/20/2015

Facilitator: Iyonka Strawn- Valcy (Chair)

Transcriber: LaMaya Edmonds

Meeting Location: Town Point Building, Human Resource Conference Room (TP 2220)

Attendees: Sohyun An, Bagwell College of Education

Jeff Chastine, College of Computing & Software Engineering

Yuri Feito, WellStar College of Health and Human Services

Edward Eanes, College of the Arts

Ken Hill, Honors College

Hai Ho, College of Electrical and Computer Engineering Technology

Scott Reese, College of Science & Mathematics

Paul Parker, Enrollment Services Division (Ex-Officio)

Michael Sanseviro, Division of Student Affairs (Ex-Officio)

Gil Eisner, Division of Global Affairs (Ex-Officio)

Tara McDuffie, Division of Global Affairs (Ex-Officio)

Nadine Northcutt, Division of Global Affairs (Ex-Officio)

Iyonka Strawn-Valcy, Division of Global Affairs (Ex-Officio)

Absentees: Teresa Raczek, College of Humanities & Social Sciences

Sabine Smith, College of Humanities & Social Sciences (Ex-Officio)

Ermal Shpuza, College of Architecture & Construction Management

Ashley Johnson, Division of Global Affairs (Ex-Officio)

Visitor: Lance Askildson, Vice Provost & Chief International Officer

Meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- Motion: To approve Minutes from February 5th committee meeting
- Vote: Unanimous approval
- Resolved: The minutes of the February 5th Committee meeting are approved

Review of Committee Information

- Charter Overview
 - Reviewed the official purpose of the advisory committee
 - Committee discussed the procedure of program approval and the details involved.
 - Reviewed committee membership policy and guidelines of which state a member can only serve two consecutive terms.
- Regulations
 - Concerns regarding the review of proposal by the colleges before reaching committee review.
 - Approval for template to created and will be approved and made available to the public.
- Proposal Criteria Checklist
 - The Advisory Committee's main responsibilities are reviewing compliance, risk management, safety and financial management.
 - The Advisory Committee will no longer review academic rigor. This will be left up to the individual colleges and their designated international committees.
 - "Faculty Reputation" has been removed as a category for the proposal criteria and "Aptitude" has been added.
 - Qualitative feedback will be used to assess the program proposals instead of a quantitative evaluation.
- Website
 - Changes on the Education Abroad webpage have been made to create a central location for all education abroad program related information including the Advisory Committee Information.
 - Webpage updates include:
 - Advisory Committee contact information and committee reports
 - Timeline overview for potential proposals
 - Information on how to start an education abroad program
 - Updated program proposal deadline (August 1)
 - Program required forms

Fall 2015 Program Proposal Review

- **Motion: To approve the Montepulciano, Italy Fall First Year Program**
 - Committee Review:
 - Proposal is complete
 - Question regarding Italian Language expectations
 - Should a language course be offered to create a more impactful immersion experience?
 - Concerns of transparency of housing and meal costs
 - All program advertising should clearly indicate all costs upfront so that students and parents are aware.
 - A student participating in this program may not be exempt from housing and meal costs while on this program.
 - Minimum amount of students not listed
 - Student overall academic and behavioral reputation needs to be addressed in the program application.
 - If a student has academic or behavioral issues while on campus, will the student be allowed to travel abroad?

Vote: Approve with Revisions

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm