



UNIVERSITY FACULTY COMMITTEE ON GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT (UFCGE)

MINUTES 10/2/15

Attendees: Douglas Moodie, Ermal Shpuza, Ken Hill, Nina Morgan, Joseph Dirnberger, Edward Eanes, Hai Ho, Yen Rodriguez, Christie Emerson, Binbin Jiang, Lance Askildson, Iyonka Strawn-Valcy, Daniel Paracka, and Pamela Dembla

Meeting Opened 09:00

1. Approval of 9/11/15 and 9/25/15 Minutes
 - a. Minutes for both 9/11 and 9/25 were unanimously approved with some minor cosmetic revisions. Askildson noted that all approved minutes are available on the DGA website.
2. Emert et al. Presentation: Request for “Significant Change” in SIG Funding
 - a. The UFCGE reviewed additional documentation and updated proposal materials related to Dr. Randy Emert’s previous request to make a significant change to his and his team’s 2015-16 funded SIG project and its remaining \$20,000 in funding. Emert was then invited into the conference room to make a detailed presentation to the committee and answer questions from members of the committee for approximately 30 minutes. Following Emert’s presentation and departure, the committee deliberated extensively on Emert’s presentation and responses for an additional 30 minutes. After careful consideration, the committee voted unanimously to decline Emert’s request to significantly change his SIG funding and recommended that the remaining \$20,000 in unspent SIG funding be returning to DGA so that it could be, in turn, made available to support internationalization efforts across the entire campus community via several new ad hoc grant opportunities.
3. Emerson Scholarship Criteria and Application Process
 - a. The committee discussed some of the challenges encountered during the review and selection process for the Emerson Scholarship for International Education last year. Several committee members suggested that the scholarship should focus on less commonly selected destinations and that the student application should speak to the value and impact of the Scholarship on their intellectual development as a global citizen. The committee asked Dr. Nina Morgan to draft a preliminary prompt for review at the next UFCGE meeting for further discussion.
4. Education Abroad Updates: EAO Fair and GPA Policy
 - a. Iyonka Strawn-Valcy shared updates from the recent Education Abroad Fair. She noted that the fair attracted record numbers of students exceeding 1000 students. She also

noted positive feedback from students alongside a record number of faculty-led education abroad programs totaling 62. Iyonka noted that she had been receiving questions regarding a new policy change for education abroad applicants that increased the minimum GPA to 2.5. Iyonka explained that this change was made with unanimous support by the University Faculty Committee on Education Abroad last Spring in order to address a number of issues related to financial aid eligibility and academic standing of students prior to study abroad. She asked for college liaisons to direct any questions to her so that she can clarify confusion and provide details on the student appeals process that is available to all applicants under this new process.

Meeting Adjourned 11:15