



University Faculty Committee on Global Engagement

Minutes

October 6, 2017 (Approved November 3, 2017)

Committee Member	Representative Unit	Attended?
Askildson, Lance (Chair)	Division of Global Affairs; Vice Provost and Chief International Officer	Yes
Delacruz, Stacie	Bagwell College of Education	No
Dirnberger, Joseph	College of Science of Mathematics	Yes
Emerson, Christie	WellStar College of Health and Human Services	Yes
Kiernan, Philip	College of the Arts	Yes
Moodie, Doug	Coles College of Business	Yes
Paracka, Dan	Division of Global Affairs – Education Abroad	Yes
Pusateri, Thomas	Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning	Yes
Rhodes, Jason	College of Humanities and Social Sciences	Yes
Schmidt, David	University College	No
Sharpe, Julie	Division of Global Affairs – Dir International Student and Scholar Services	Yes
Shpuza, Ermal	College of Architecture and Construction Management	No
Strawn-Valcey, Lyonka	Division of Global Affairs – Director, Education Abroad	Yes
Vacant	Southern Polytechnic College of Engineering and Engineering Technology	--
Jiang, Binbin		Guest

1. Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Askildson called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM. Dr. Askildson welcomed new members of the committee.

2. Review and Approval of the Minutes from April 21, 2017

Dr. Askildson asked for corrections to the minutes from the April 21, 2017 meeting. The Committee approved the minutes as distributed.

3. Education Abroad Office Updates

Ms Strawn-Valcey noted that the number of education abroad programs increased from FY17 to FY18, but the total number of students participating in programs did not increase. DGA instituted a cap of 55 programs with an exemption for programs that have institutional approval (e.g., internships, those with Memoranda of Understanding). DGA requested that Colleges

review programs and provide a prioritization list to assist the Education Abroad Committee (EAC) on making final approvals. The committee approved faculty proposals for 53 programs, 4 of which the EAC asked faculty to revise and resubmit. The EAC voted to move the deadline for early submissions for education abroad programs from August 1 to April 1.

4. The “Year of” Annual Country Study Program Updates

Dr. Paracka indicated that attendance for College programming has increased from last year, which may have occurred as a result of changes to the programming that were implemented by the Annual Country Study Program Committee.

Dr. Paracka announced the following deadlines:

- Students may apply for the Spring 2018 Year of India study abroad program by November 15, 2017.
- Proposals for Year of Morocco (FY19) Spotlight programming are due by November 17, 2017.
- Faculty may apply to participate in the Year of Cuba (FY20) Faculty Learning Community by November 29, 2017.

Dr. Paracka has written introductory essays for past “Year of” websites with input from faculty with expertise in each country. A faculty member from Columbus State University contacted him with concerns about some content of the essay on the Year of India website, and the faculty member forwarded the content to the Counsel General of India.

Action item: Dr. Askildson requested that Dr. Paracka contact peer experts in India to review the introductory essay for input on its academic content.

Action item: Dr. Askildson will invite the Council General of India to provide a response to the Annual Country Study Faculty Advisory Committee.

Action item: Dr. Askildson requested that the Annual Country Study Advisory Committee consider whether to implement a peer review process for the introductory essay prior to its publication on the website.

5. DGA Updates

Dr. Askildson noted that the annual report has not yet been finalized and is likely to be completed before the end of the semester.

DGA received the Arab American High Achiever Award from the Alif Institute in recognition of its community outreach during the Year of the Arabian Peninsula.

Dr. Askildson discussed implications of a potential \$5 million reduction in the budget for Academic Affairs starting in FY19 if e-tuition fees are removed. President Olens has indicated that Academic Affairs should prioritize programs that support student success and that address recruitment, progression, and graduation rates.

6. Strategic Internationalization Grants

Due to concerns about the potential reduction in next year's budget, Dr. Askildson suggested a moratorium on announcing calls for proposals for FY19 Strategic Internationalization Grants. Dr. Askildson suggested reconfiguring some of the grant funding to proscribed projects (e.g., a redesign of the Global Education Certification process).

7. New Strategic Plan for Internationalization

The current Strategic Plan for Internationalization has concluded. Dr. Askildson plans to write a new strategic plan in concert with the development of the institution's strategic plan.

8. International Achievement Awards

Dr. Askildson announced that we no longer have access to funds that we had in past years and will consider changes in the awards program.

10. Next UFCGE Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 3 at 9:00 - 10:30AM.

11. Adjourn

Dr. Askildson adjourned the meeting at 10:35 AM.

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Respectfully submitted,
Thomas P. Pusateri