International Programs Committee

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SUBJECT: Final Report of International Programs Committee Activities, 2016-17 Academic Year

Please find below the summary report of the International Programs Committee activities during the 2016-2017 academic year.

MEETINGS AND MEMBERSHIP:

The International Programs Committee met 8 times over the course of the academic year 2016-2017 on the following dates: September 26th, October 17th, November 14th, December 5th, February 27th, March 20th, March 27th, and April 24th.

The committee had twelve (12) members. Active committee members included:

Five Elected Representatives (One elected from each College and one elected from the Library):
Business: Nicholas Rhew (Chair)  
Education: Howard Coleman  
Humanities: Eliza Glaze  
Science: Sharon Gilman, with Megan Cevasco serving the fall semester for sabbatical replacement  
Library: Judith Nagata

Four Presidential Appointees (1 year term)
Philip Powell  
Franklin Ellis  
Deborah Perkins  
Carol Osborne

Ex-officio:
Geoff Parsons (Director, Office of International Programs and Services)

University College was not able to supply a representative, and no student representatives were active participants in the committee’s work.

CHARGE:

The purpose of the International Programs Committee is to promote awareness, facilitate dialogue and foster discourse related to global perspectives and international understanding. Duties include but are not limited to the following activities:

1. Be a conduit to relay information about faculty, staff and student international involvement and ideas;
2. Be an advocate for the campus needs regarding global issues;
3. Provide input regarding Short-term Study Abroad programs including recommendations for program proposals, input to the application cycle procedures, and review of all Peer Mentor applications;
ACTIVITIES/ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR THE 2016-2017 ACADEMIC YEAR:

- **Global Citizenship**
  - The Committee was tasked with beginning the dialogue called for by Objective 2.4.1 of the Strategic Plan: 2016-2021.
  - In conjunction with the Associate Provost of Global Initiatives, the Committee surveyed the campus community regarding the attributes of a “…responsible citizen with a global perspective,”
  - currents campus offerings that support that perspective, and areas for improvement.
  - After analyzing the results of the survey, and synthesizing themes gleaned there with the literature surrounding global citizenship, the Committee developed the following statement with the hopes of continued engagement on this issue across the campus community:
    - A responsible citizen with a global perspective has knowledge and understanding, skills, values, and attitudes needed to extend an individual’s awareness and sense of responsibility beyond the local or national to encompass the global arena. The attributes of a responsible citizen with a global perspective include respect for all people, appreciation for diverse cultures, and a willingness to learn about and critically reflect upon global issues. The responsible citizen with a global perspective participates in the community at various levels, from the local to the global, and acts intentionally to foster a more just, secure, sustainable, and connected world.

- **Short-term Study Abroad Programs Proposed**
  - Nineteen (19) short-term study abroad program proposals were submitted by the colleges with approval of their deans, and evaluated by the Committee.
  - Of these 19 proposals, the break-down was as follows: 12 repeating programs with few or no changes and 7 entirely new programs.
  - All 19 proposals were approved by the Committee. The Provost approved or conditionally approved all 19 proposals for programs to run in AY 2017/18.
  - With 19 programs approved for AY 2017/18, forty-one (41) classes will be offered.

- **Peer Mentee Program Applications**
  - 6 Peer Mentee Program Applications were evaluated with the goal of funding 3 mentees in full ($12,000 budget). After general discussion, the committee recommended full funding for 2 mentees ($4,000 each) and half funding for 2 mentees ($2,000 each).

- **Short-term Study Abroad Program Student Application/ Faculty Review Process, Proposal Timeline & Proposal Form**
  - The committee provided additional input regarding the short-term study abroad program timeline for student applications as well as program proposals for the subsequent cycle. It was recommended that both new program proposals and mentee applications should be due to OIP as a coordinated unit and should be considered by the committee as such. This will allow for better and stronger mentee applications and overall better planning for proposed programs. The committee recommended that, if approved, these joined proposals be due earlier in order to allow for better college-level review.
  - The committee recommended the adoption of an accelerated approval process and briefer proposal form for proposals of repeat programs that run year after year without significant changes.

- **International Education Week & the Celebration of Inquiry**
  - Due to lingering issues with the Department of State’s scheduling of International Education Week, the committee was not tasked with evaluating and promoting International Education Week events.

- **Committee Roster: Nominations and Elections for AY 2017-18**
  - Sharon Gilman and Eliza Glaze completed the final year or their terms. As such, the College of Humanities and Fine Arts and the College of Science will elect representative for three year terms.

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