International Programs Committee

TO: Renée J. Smith, Chair, Faculty Senate
FROM: Nicholas D. Rhew, Chair, International Programs Committee
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SUBJECT: Final Report of International Programs Committee Activities, 2017-18 Academic Year

Please find below the summary report of the International Programs Committee activities during the 2017-2018 academic year.

MEETINGS AND MEMBERSHIP:

The International Programs Committee met 7 times over the course of the academic year 2017-2018 on the following dates: September 18th, October 23rd, December 4th, March 16th, March 23rd, March 26th, and April 16th.

The committee had ten active members. Active committee members included:

**Five Elected Representatives (One elected from each College and one elected from the Library):**
- Business: Nicholas Rhew (Chair)
- Education: Adriane Sheffield
- Humanities: Triphiti Pillai
- Science: Zhixiong Shen
- Library: Jason Alston

**Four Presidential Appointees (1 year term)**
- Billy Hills
- Pat Singleton-Young
- Nils Rauhut
- 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 2017-2018 ACADEMIC YEAR:

- **Short-term Study Abroad Programs Proposed**
  - Seventeen (17) short-term study abroad program proposals were submitted by the colleges with approval of their deans, and evaluated by the Committee.
  - All 17 proposals were approved by the Committee. The Provost approved or conditionally approved all but one proposal by the time of this report.
  - With 16 programs approved for AY 2018/19, at least thirty-five (35) classes will be offered.

- **Peer Mentee Program Applications**
  - 9 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 3 mentees (totaling $11,435) and partial funding for 1 mentee (any remaining funds).

- **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 proposal, including a desire for greater clarity in the proposal of the expected number of courses per instructor and justification for any deviation from the expectation and a desire for leaders on program proposals to be present when the committee addresses their proposal.
  - The committee provided additional input regarding the faculty peer mentoring program, including a desire for applicants to better demonstrate their commitment to leading a program, perhaps by providing a draft proposal.

- **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 Title, Membership, and Purpose**
  - Beginning with the October meeting, the committee discussed changes to the committee’s title, membership, and charge needed because of a restructuring of the Office of International Programs to the Center for Global Engagement. At the April 16th meeting, the committee unanimously voted to change the title, membership, and charge, which was forwarded as a motion to the Faculty Senate Chair and Recorder.

- **Committee Roster: Nominations and Elections for AY 2018-19**
  - No terms are expiring for elected members.