

International Education Committee Minutes
April 14, 2017

Present: Alva Butcher, Debbie Chee, Lea Fortmann, Eowyn Greeno, Diane Kelley, Kriszta Kotsis, Sunil Kukreja, Roy Robinson, Mike Spivey

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kelley at 11:01 a.m. The minutes from March 31 were approved.

Kukreja and Robinson reported on the Study Abroad Working Group (SAWG) II subgroup recommendations. They are considering a financial aid model in which all institutional aid can be applied to students going on study abroad. They hope to have their work completed and submitted to the entire SAWG II group as well as a final report to Dean Bartanen by the end of the month.

We then discussed the draft of the IEC final report to the Senate prepared by Kelley and Fortmann.

In this context, Kotsis reported on working group 1's progress on the Senate charge dealing with sexual violence policies, prevention, and response documents and training for our study abroad programs. The group has finalized the documents (a sexual assault response brochure, a sexual assault response card, and a document with recommendations regarding sexual assault response training) and plans to submit them to Marta Cady for her approval. Kotsis also recommends that the documents be reviewed annually to make sure that stay current. The IEC thanked Kotsis for her work on this charge.

Other than the discussion of working group 1's charge, we had only minor edits to the draft of the final report.

We then turned to a petition from a student, asking permission to study abroad next spring despite having missed the deadline. Spivey discussed some of the student's background and reasons for his petition. Robinson described the reasons for the policy deadline and the academic justifications for granting exceptions to the policy. After some further discussion, the committee voted to approve the petition.

Robinson brought for discussion a document that lists all of the international programs currently approved by the university and that suggests several that could be eliminated. The programs that are proposed for elimination are mostly ones that have had no or only a very few students in the past several years. Robinson said he would update the document so that the committee could evaluate it more closely at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Spivey