

**IEC Committee Meeting  
February 25, 2015  
11-12, WY 203**

**Attending: Mike Burley (student representative), Alva Butcher (chair), Sarah Comstock, Diane Kelley, John Lear, Lisa Ferrari, Allyson Lindsley (guest), Eric Orlin, Roy Robinson, Peter Wimberger, Dan Sherman.**

Minutes from Jan 28<sup>th</sup> and Feb 11<sup>th</sup> were approved

**Announcements.**

Robinson announced the availability of a \$2000 faculty development grant from CIEE. Butcher got this grant and participated in a trip last summer to China and Japan. The programs generally cost about \$4000 plus airfare, to which the \$2000 will apply. Robinson will send out this announcement through facultycoms.

Robinson announced that International Education week will be April 6-10. Committee members brainstormed about different elements to include in this event.

Lear will be talking about experiential programs at CWLT at 4.

There will be an interest meeting for another study abroad trip to Cuba on Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.

Lindsley heard back from many of our program providers about their policies about Sexual Assault/Harrassment and Prevention. She asked what to do with the information. Butcher said that she contacted Marta Palmquist-Cady to arrange a meeting and suggested that Lindsley should come too.

**Report from the Subcommittee on Short-Term Study Abroad Programs.** The subcommittee drafted some guidelines for applying for funds that could be used to support the development of short-term study abroad programs. They will circulate these guidelines to the committee. Butcher suggested that these forms, or a link to them, be included in the Professional Development webpage on the university website. Other ideas about where to put this information were included on our website.

Robinson asked if these funds could be used for something like participating in the CIEE faculty development seminar that he just announced, or for site visits or the like. Ferrari responded that these funds are for starting new programs starting, not for programs that already exist. Robinson wondered if the funds could be used for quality if there is money left. Ferrari indicated that she would find out if this is possible.

**Report from United Kingdom Program Review Subcommittee.**

A representative from Queen Mary will be visiting campus on March 2. The subcommittee will be able to report next meeting.

**Report from the Exchange Programs Subcommittee.** OIP is moving forward on an exchange program with Koc University in Turkey. The subcommittee members see the University of Essex as a good second choice for a UK exchange program to Queen Mary. University of Nebrija in Spain is also a good option to be explored. Kathleen Campbell is working on her reviews of the Turkey and Spain exchange possibilities and hopefully these two exchanges will be finalized this spring. OIP will also be examining possibilities for an exchange program in the Middle East and Africa for some direct enroll programs / and exchanges. Robinson also added that there were no applicants for the Passau exchange program this year.

**Report from the Survey for Students Who Decided Not to Study Abroad Subcommittee.** This subcommittee will meet after the present meeting and report in two weeks.

Butcher asked which programs we should review after the UK program reviews are done. Robinson suggested the Middle East and Africa, as we have been getting requests for Study Abroad programs that teach Arabic.

Lear inquired as to whether we will discuss the decline in the number of Puget Sound students studying abroad, and also how to increase number of international students. We will address some of these issues through the survey for students who decided not to go abroad, which is being developed (above).

Wimberger added that a survey is one way to help explain the reasons behind a decline in the number of students studying abroad, but he suggested we can also look at the financial aid status of students before and after the merit aid change. Butcher will work on getting the answer to that question by talking to Maggie Mittuch. Other approaches to this question were discussed.

Kelley wondered if the administration could give us ideas about how to improve study abroad participation.

Meeting adjourned 11:50am.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Kelley