

## International Education Committee

Wednesday, April 22, 2015

Attending: Michael Burley, Alva Butcher (Chair), Sarah Comstock, Lisa Ferrari, Diane Kelley, John Lear, Eric Orlin, Roy Robinson, Peter Wimberger

1. Approval of minutes from March 28, 2015
  - a. Approved with minor changes specific to item #4
2. Announcements
  - a. Attempted introduction of New Study Abroad coordinator – Wednesday is her day off
3. Roy Robinson inquired about students who want to change semester or program. Current protocol is to have student type up a letter request. Does committee need to see all of them or can Robinson just review? Robinson can review and decide about these requests.
4. Year End Report
  - a. Clarification of whether items 4 and 6 were a self-charge or a Senate charge.
  - b. Item 4 – How can the Admission Office better support faculty in this area? Suggestion was made to change to paragraph indicating that discussion happened but no concrete plan was put in place.
  - c. Item 6 – Change language to read: A preliminary conversation was had, further discussion will be had.
  - d. Item 7 – Size of the committee/Superfluous. Discussion included too big, small, how to introduce younger faculty. Diane Kelley noted that the benefit of having a larger committee is that Study Abroad is representative of so many departments, and having too small of a committee puts an undue burden on some to be the representative of all. Decision was that committee size is fine. Peter Wimberger commented that the only superfluous discussion seems to be formal consultation on some study abroad requests. Committee decided that the OIP has the ability to make some decisions regarding special requests (i.e. GPA qualifications) but other requests should still be brought to the IEC.
  - e. Item 2A – John Lear clarified that the initiative was entirely through the Spanish Studies office.
  - f. Item 1 – Items 1A and 1B are ongoing charges as we constantly add and evaluate programs. Robinson commented that item 1C is still waiting on information from Marta Palmquist Cady.
  - g. Item 3 – Finished
  - h. Items 4, 5, and 6 – Ongoing projects. The committee sees item 5 as a major task for next year. We will continue working on this using information gathered from the meeting with Kris Bartanen.
  - i. PacRim should be written in as a charge for the IEC next year.
5. Meeting with Kris Bartanen– April 29 at 11am in Wyatt 226
  - a. Discussion regarding data that should be used: self report survey, People Soft query?
  - b. Alva Butcher will be out; Lear has volunteered to chair in her place.

- c. Lear suggested that we talk more about PacRim, Southwest Semester, and other shorter courses within the last two questions. Regardless, statement must be made that students that are in programs that are Puget Sound taught/led should be allowed to keep all of their financial aid. Robinson noted that so many students come to Puget Sound because of the PacRim program.
- 6. Study Abroad Initiatives were tabled until the next meeting – May 6, 2015.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50am

Respectfully submitted, Sarah Comstock