

## **12/1/17 IEC meeting Minutes**

Attendees: Carmen Eyssautier, Emily Katz, Diane Kelley, Andrea Keuter, Nick Kontogeorgopoulos, Kriszta Kotsis, Sunil Kukreja, Mike Spivey, Matt Warning, Sheryl Zylstra (minutes) and Guest – Peter Wimberger (Senate Liaison).

12:02 - Meeting called to order.

### **Announcements:**

A question was brought to the table:

Q: Since merit aid will now be available for study abroad will the money previously set aside for supporting/subsidizing student travel and faculty development grants still be available?

A: There is still a commitment to support faculty development and short-term programs, but it needs to be sustainable and equitable. It is estimated that there would be 500 dollars subsidy still available to students.

Q: Is there a way to make this need based so that one student could receive 1500 dollars vs. 3 students receiving 500 dollars.

A: This is complicated due to financial aid rules.

Q: Will this be a replenished fund?

A: This is an unknown at this time.

- It was suggested that this topic be further discussed in order to find out whether this money will be replenished annually and, if so, whether or not a policy should be put into place for the use of these monies.
- The recently approved India program will not be implemented this year due to limited student interest.
- The minutes for the 11/3/17 IEC meeting were approved.
- IEC spring meeting times were discussed. Fridays at noon no longer work as some are in class and/or teaching at that time. Member class schedules will be obtained and a doodle poll will be put out to come up with a time that will work for everyone.

### **Agenda item #1**

The senate liaison was present to discuss the Vision Statement being developed as part of the Strategic Plan. A discussion ensued.

Relevant topics discussed by the strategic planning committee included: Lack of international student presence on campus, graduate program development, diversity, access/accessibility.

No specifics have been outlined by the strategic planning committee as of yet. Subcommittees will be put in place to address each of these areas. Members of the strategic planning committee will submit names for subcommittee recommendations.

It was expressed that study abroad is a high priority, high impact practice that should be included in the strategic plan. It was also expressed that the topic of international students on campus be addressed in the strategic plan.

A member asked whether the IEC should come up with a statement to present to the strategic planning committee regarding study abroad programs.

It was suggested that yes, a statement would be helpful.

It was agreed that the IEC would develop a statement of priorities related to study abroad for presentation to the committee.

**Agenda item #2:** Review of the sexual assault brochure that will be given to students who are studying abroad.

The draft document was sent to members electronically. The draft document was reviewed by the committee. Some edits were suggested. If anybody has further edits/suggestions, please email them to the fall IEC chair.

**Agenda item #3:** review of the new proposal form for new faculty-led programs.

As committee members did not have access to the document prior to the meeting this agenda item will be placed on the agenda for the first meeting in January. The document draft should be sent to the committee chair so that it can be sent electronically to committee members prior to the January meeting.

Thank you's were expressed to the fall chair for their service and leadership.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:46.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl Zylstra