

# Meeting Notes

## **International Education Committee**

Thursday February 14, 2019

2:30 – 4:00 pm

Los Rios District Office

Main Conference Room

### **Attendees:**

Tammy Montgomery – DO AVC

Instruction

Brooks Ohlson, Director of Center for  
International Trade - DO

Mark Stewart, Faculty – ARC

Riad Bahhur, Professor – SCC

Yesenia Castellon , SPA - ARC

Bernadette Anayah, Professor – FLC

Joshua Moon Johnson, Dean – ARC

Mayra Jimenez, SPA – SCC

Charles “Kale” Braden, AVP – ARC

Kerstin Feindert, Faculty - CRC

### **Review/Approval of minutes for December 13, 2018**

- Minutes are unavailable for December 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **Co-chair news/updates/new members**

- Two items were added to the agenda.

### **Discussion Items (Concerns)**

- English Proficiency (Yesenia)
  - Placement testing – Rules & Regulations
    - How can we raise the TOEFL scores so students can meet the requirements for admission or change the score requirements?  
Possibly use general language as opposed to a score.
    - The student regulations (R-2214) and the instruction regulations (R-7151), particularly the requirements for admission, do not match.

- Would like to separate the regulations for Study Abroad and International Ed.

### **Action (Tammy)**

- Put together the information and send to everyone to make sure we are in agreement.
- Ask JP if there is a possibility of separating out International Ed and Study Abroad.
- If not, possibly have two separate committees.
- Meet with Academic Senate Committee and ESL faculty.

The goal is to have similar language in R-2214 and R-7151.

When these are updated, we want to reflect what we are practicing.

### **Review of R-7151, Section 5.3 (Tammy & Bernadette)**

- Can language in this section be updated? Some of the requirements are no longer valid.

### **Understanding the guidelines that govern us and our students in International Admissions**

- Online application
  - Would like a one-click link to information/application for International Ed on each of the colleges' front page on the Los Rios website. Review all websites and include clarification on the application process.
- Online information for International Students & E-mails sent to general applicants.
  - Include a sentence in all related websites and emails sent to non-immigrants; "International students must submit additional requirements before final admission to the college. Contact the international office at the college you plan to attend and ask for the admission requirements for international students".

### **Action**

- Tammy will ask Betty Glycer Culver from Institutional Research to join our next meeting.
- Do a fake application to try it out.

## **Possibilities for faculty and students in international trade and finance through internships and study abroad (Brooks) <https://citd.org/>**

The role of the Center for International Trade (CITD) is to be a resource to faculty, and the district and to support regional businesses in global trade.

- Possibilities for students to be a non-paid intern for the CITD (in office only)
- Green Expo to Mexico in September. (For faculty)
- Arab Health Trade Show in spring 2020. (For faculty)
- Two programs for faculty:
  - Global Go Faculty Shark Tank professional development. Dates to be announced, possibly May
  - Brooks will send out more information.

### **CCIE – Riad**

- We used to belong to California Colleges for International Education. There is an annual membership of \$850.00 for three or more colleges.
  - Benefits
    - CCIE works with a Korean university to offer scholarships for California community college students. It's semester long, live in dorms. Airline tickets, tuition and housing are covered.
  - They also apply for other grants for study abroad programs.

### **Updates**

- Information on IE opportunities/events/clubs at the colleges (members)
  - SCC - Week before spring break, an independent producer is coming to do a tour of the US speaking to journalism students. If anyone would like her to speak at their campus, let Riad know.

### **Next Meeting**

- March 14, 2019