

Meeting Notes

International Education Committee

Thursday May 9, 2019

3:00 – 3:45 – International Ed Focus

3:45 – 4:30 – Study Abroad Focus

Los Rios District Office

Main Conference Room

Attendees:

Tammy Montgomery – DO

Brooks Ohlson - DO

Mark Stewart - ARC

Marcia McCormick – ARC

Kale Braden - ARC

Yesenia Castellon - ARC

Riad Bahhur - SCC

Kamau Kinuthia – ARC

Kerstin Feindert - CRC

Review/Approval of minutes for March 14, 2019

- Clarification on page 2, second bullet regarding R-2214, 1.1.1.1. The request is to remove the GPA requirement and just say the equivalent of a high school diploma.
- Clarification regarding the summer trips. Although the summer trips originate from ARC and FLC, they are open to the entire district. Tammy would like the regs clarified. Revisit in the fall.

International Ed Focus

Updates

- We will find out where meeting notes should be posted on the Los Rios web site and get them posted this summer.
- Brooks visited classes at ARC to discuss international trade. There was also a day at FLC with about 80 students and high school students from Elk Grove. Both went very well and the students were very engaged.

- Associates Degree for transfer for Global Studies Advisory Group – Suggest that we meet once a semester, possibly at Workforce & Economic Development Center at Ethan Way in early fall.

Revisit suggested updates from Regulations

- Reg. 2214 1.1.1.2 – There are different types of tests and scores. It was agreed that the score and test should be adopted district wide and published on our website. Because of federal policy and AB705, further research needs to be done before the language can be finalized. Tammy will work with Yesinia over the summer to come up with some language.
- Reg. 7151 8.3.1 – Added the language “with a GPA of 2.0 or above or the equivalent. It is now consistent with the regs. We still have to work on the same language as needed in 2214 1.1.1.2.

Report on International Admissions

- International admissions, online application: Online information and emails sent to applicants are the same.

Conflicting messages on the website. Tammy will continue to work on that over the summer.

It was suggested to look at the front page of the cccapply website, proposing that Los Rios have something similar where everything is very clear and easy to find. Tammy will follow-up.

The new website for Los Rios is in the process of coming on-line at ARC and FLC. As you see things that have conflicting information, please let Tammy know so she can have them corrected.

- Verification of health insurance for international students. Students need to provide verification of health insurance before coming to study here. There are many issues with health insurance. For instance, there is no way to know if/when the insurance lapses. Do they have enough coverage in case of illness or accident? The suggestion is to make it mandatory that students purchase district insurance to minimize these

issues. This insures that the students have the coverage they need. When they get their own insurance, it is up to the campus to make sure it is sufficient. Tammy suggested finding out what other colleges are doing in the state. If most are doing this, we have a better argument to change. More conversations with risk management and general council are needed. Tammy will bring this up with district council and we will revisit in the fall.

- UC Davis Global Affairs. (Riad)
Hubert Humphrey fellows come every year. Part of their fellowship is to speak to Americans. If anyone is interested in hosting one at his or her college, let Riad know. They are interested in applying for grants and other opportunities in partnership with Los Rios. He would like to invite the director of the program to come to a future meeting to start a conversation. Riad will share a link to see previous fellows. Tammy will put this on the agenda for next fall.

Study Abroad Focus

Fullbright-Hays Project Abroad proposal (Riad)

- Fullbright-Hays is a federal program that awards grants to provide short-term study and travel seminars abroad for U.S. educators. Riad would like to submit a proposal. If approved by the group and the college, Tammy would make a recommendation to the Chancellor. Riad will gather appropriate paperwork and bring to the group in the fall.
- Culminating study abroad experiences for students (Riad)
HSI programs at SCC have been exploring ways to incorporate international experiences for their students. One of SCC grants, Scholars Advancing in a Global Economy (SAGE), are looking for ways for students to enroll in a school in Mexico. If it becomes too costly or complicated, we can look into a shorter-term faculty lead trip for service learning. The goal is to diversify the trips and price points.
- Study Abroad Program Update/issues (Kale)
A legal issue that happened in Italy brought up the question of whether or not we need a license to offer study abroad programs in other countries and does our insurance with AIFS cover Los Rios properly? The licenses cost about \$10k each.

We will meet in the summer regarding these issues. We should also have waivers signed from students to comply with FERPA.

Updates

Study abroad trips:

22 students going to London. Three out of three students that applied for the Gillman Scholarship received it. Two people received a Los Rios foundation scholarship.

16 are going to Florence and 9 so far for Barcelona.

Next agenda, talk about the rotation of program. Should the program be run out of one college? There is a steep learning curve and it is harder to have a dedicated staff when rotating the program.

Next Meeting

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