Minutes

**International Education Committee**

Thursday November 10, 2022

4:00 to 5:00 pm

**Attendees:**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Tammy Montgomery - DO  Dennis Lee - SCC  Riad Bahhur - SCC  Holly Piscopo - SCC  Kerstin Feindert - CRC  Gabriel Torres - CRC  Alexander Kagan - CRC  May Yang - ARC | Kevin Porter - ARC  Karen Jacobson - ARC  Kamau Kinuthia - ARC  Marcia McCormick - ARC  Chad Funk - ARC  Brian Robinson - FLC  Richard Mowrer - FLC |

* Welcome
  + Review/Approval of minutes for November 10, 2022
  + Review/Approval of agenda
* Review of Committee Membership
  + Since CRC already has two faculty members, Gabriel Torres will relinquish his membership role.
  + Adam Windham from ARC is the new study abroad coordinator. This is no longer a rotating position.
  + Recommendation to invite an international student. May has someone in mind to invite.
  + Ask students that have been on a study abroad program to commit to a semester or year of attending these meetings.
* Expansion of Study Abroad Opportunities for Students
  + Riad shared an opportunity through Peralta College; fall 2023 semester in Ghana. The core course is global dance, but students can choose from a list of mostly on-line courses that are taught by Peralta and other community colleges, including Los Rios. This hybrid model would not require extra FTE for faculty. Riad is looking into ways to partner with Peralta and other colleges for these types of hybrid models, including faculty exchange and will report on this next meeting.
  + Interest in study abroad in Japan for summer 2024. Richard and Debbie Worth will speak about this program at our next meeting.
* Pre-pandemic Regulation Changes
  + Changes to the regulations that were discussed before the pandemic were not changed.
  + Review of suggested updates to R-2214
    - Take off GPA requirement.
    - Possibly use different tools to assess ESL, not just TOEFL.
  + Review of suggested updates to R-7151
    - There is a desire to move to a more general test.
    - Interest in inserting health insurance.
  + Tammy and May will meet with a subcommittee to discuss these issues and will report back to the group at the next meeting.
* Study Abroad Updates
  + Just began recruitment for Barcelona this fall.
  + Summer programs are all doing great.
  + Florence cohort left last week.
  + Study abroad websites within Los Rios are being revamped to be more aligned with each other.
* International Education Updates
  + Accepting Fall 2023 applications starting in February.
  + Will be hosting a delegation in April through the Open Leadership World Center. The group is from Azerbaijan. The theme is gender change and rights activism including LGBTQ and women’s rights.
  + The board recommendation for out of state tuition is $414 per unit, which will negatively impact international education students. Tammy will check in with the VC of Finance and report back at the next meeting.
* Next Meeting
  + April 13 (second Thursday), 4:00-5:00 pm.