Minutes

**International Education Committee**

Thursday February 8, 2024

3:30 to 4:30 pm

**Attendees:**

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| Tammy Montgomery – Co Chair  Richard Mowrer – Co Chair - FLC  Riad Bahhur – SCC  Debi Worth – FLC  Dennis Lee – SCC  Kristina Casper-Denman – ARC | Kevin Porter – ARC  Katie Pasilis – ARC  Greg Beyrer - CRC  Kamau Kinuthia – ARC  Adam Windham - ARC  Alex Kagan - CRC |

Welcome and Introductions

* Remaining IE meeting for the academic year is 4/11/24.

Review/Approval of

* November 9 minutes are approved.

Updates/Events:

* International Education
  + Riad - Free concert Thursday, February 15th at SCC as part of the pathway to African centered education.
  + There are several events coming up connected to African centered education. Riad will email details to the group to pass on to students.
  + Global Café that ARC sponsored for international and local students to get together. It was a big success.
  + March 8th FLC is putting on an international night, a collaboration between Mosaic Dance Company and CAEB (Club and Events Board). The event will be held at the Falcon’s Roost. Open to faculty, students and staff.
* International students are concerned about the fees for tuition as they are some of the highest. Tammy suggested having Mario join one of the meetings to explain why the board feels it’s necessary to charge that amount. Tammy will try to set it up for the April meeting.

Updates: Study Abroad Programs

* College Study Abroad
  + CRC-Tanzania (Danielle and Tanika)
    - Not present at meeting to give an update
  + SCC-Ghana (Riad)

Proposal and agreement have been signed and approved. 23 students are planning to go so far. They are all engaged in the African center activities. The group discussed the possibility of having a separate webpage for this and future trips. It would be great to have a place to show pictures after the trip.

* + FLC-Japan (Debi)

There is a lot of interest in this trip; over 100 students have shown interest in 20 available spots. The first 20 will receive a spot.

* + FLC-Paris (Richard)

There were 181 students interested in the trip for 20 spots. To keep it equitable, Richard assigns a 1000 word outside of class writing assignment. This assignment is basically their application. 26 students have begun the process, the first 20 that told him which French novels they are using as their primary source to write their argument received the spots for this year. The others are working on a spot for next year. Richard is working on the proposal for next year.

* + Other – A question came up about how to code the classes for these trips. Tammy requested that we report on this next meeting.
* District Study Abroad (Adam)
  + Spr 2024 - Florence

Cohort just started. 20 students from Los Rios out of 90 from the consortium. Just started recruiting for the 2025 trip. The recruiting efforts include using Canvas Global Announcements for recruiting. Two of the four colleges agreed, FLC and CRC. Offering twice weekly drop-in information sessions. Posters and flyers. Working with PIO’s to get the announcements out.

* + Fall 2024 (Greg)

Accommodations for Students Studying Abroad

* Are there student services for students studying abroad? Most services from Los Rios are found online and AIFS also offers services. LR faculty and AIFS are working on a process for textbooks.
  + Spr 2025

Selected faculty member, Joseph Stever, a mathematics professor from SCC.

* + Request Roxanne Morgan to report from Fall 2023 trip and possibly bring a student or two to get their perspective.

Workgroups:

College Study Abroad Programs (faculty-led programs)

* Development of Process and Checklist
  + Tammy will try to have something for the April 11 meeting.

Clarifying Regs

* Adam and Tammy are going to go through the regulations and see if they can clarify two pathways, then Richard will check to make sure the individual pathway matches his experience and the DW pathways matches what Adams experiences have been. Will bring results to the committee.

Districtwide Consortium - Adam

* Revised process for selecting faculty member from LRCCD
  + Build a formal way to select faculty. Starting next semester, we will form a committee with representatives from each college and then go through the process of selecting the faculty.