Minutes

**International Education Committee**

Thursday October 10, 2024

3:30 to 5:00 pm

**Attendees:**

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| Frank Kobayashi – Co Chair  Richard Mowrer – Co Chair - FLC  Riad Bahhur – SCC  Debi Worth – FLC  Kamau Kinuthia - ARC | Dennis Lee - SCC  Alex Kagan - CRC  Holly Piscopo – SCC  Kristina Casper-Denman – ARC  Dennis Lee - SCC |

**Welcome and Introductions**

* Review/Approval of Past Minutes

February 8, 2024 Minutes were approved

**Updates: College Study Abroad**

* SCC - Riad reported on Guana study abroad trip. 24 students attended the 3-week trip. The students feel like the experience transformed them. The students studied for a full year on the ground learning about South Africa before the trip. A proposal for a 2025 trip is in the process. Riad will bring photos to the next meeting to share with the group.
* FLC – Richard reported on his fourth trip to Paris. There were 200 students interested; so, to be equitable, the students were required to read a book and write an essay about it. As a result, the group was fantastic and really wanted to learn about the culture. He also reiterated the amount of time it takes to put together a study abroad trip. Streamlining the process and making it clear could be a way to get interested faculty involved.
* FLC – Debi reported on the trip to Japan. She teaches a 310-anthropology class. There were an equal number of students from each campus. The students were very engaged and well-behaved. The highlights were visiting Hiroshima, talking about the social and political aspects of war, hiking to temples and shrines. The students had opportunities to plan a couple of trips on their own which cultivated independence. 50% of the students did not have passports and some had never been on a plane before. Because of the high interest in studying in Japan, there is a plan to go again in 2025 and 2026.
* ARC – Kristina reported on some of issues at ARC including admin turnover and space. She suggests that getting the information to students ahead of time will improve the chance of getting the number of students needed. There are many students that would like to go but are unable to, such as, undocumented students, deaf students, students that have a job or are in a nursing program and vets.
* Kamau – Is there interest or any traction within the committee regarding exchange programs? Many people from Los Rios attended the summit at the University of Guana. Riad suggested that we invite those who attended our next meeting to discuss collaboration and exchange of faculty and students. Reach out to people and invite them to the next meeting.

**District Study Abroad**

* Membership of the screening subcommittee for faculty applications to the semester-length, consortium-based study abroad cohorts.

The committee agreed to have rotating members attend and seek out Academic Senate involvement. The current cycle participants from this committee will be Riad and Richard.

**Workgroups**

* Create a document for the non AIFS programs. Streamline and make clear the processes so more faculty can get involved. Clarification from our legal counsel on exactly what the insurance requirements are.
* Regulation Edits – Process review will take a couple of months. The committee will have a chance to review and let Richard or Frank know if you have anything to add.

Richard is presenting to the Academic Senate to articulate to them what the college programs are.

Remaining Meetings with face-to-face meeting in February or April.

Nov 14

Feb 13

April 10