Minutes

**International Education Committee**

Thursday November 14, 2024

3:30 to 5:00 pm

**Attendees:**

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| Frank Kobayashi – Co Chair  Richard Mowrer – Co Chair - FLC  Riad Bahhur – SCC  Tanika Byrd - CRC  Ed Bush - CRC  Devoun Stewart – SCC  Timothy Baker – CRC Student | Kristina Casper-Denman – ARC  Katie Pasilis – ARC  Natalie Robinett - SCC  Winnie Hung – CRC  Adam Windham – ARC  Debi Worth - FLC |

**Welcome and Introductions**

Faculty Exchanges - Continue discussion from October meeting.

* Update about the All African Diaspora Education Summit (ADES). Los Rios plays a large leadership role under Dr. Ed Bush.

ADES is primarily made up of educators from the California community college system. Attending the summits provided us with opportunities that touch on all three aspects of what this committee deals with: study abroad, international education and international students. Close to 30 Los Rios educators were able to go to the summit in Ghana in 2024. This has opened opportunities for Los Rios to build relationships with educators, community members, and community leaders to explore opportunities to be connected to places that we have not had in the past.

Below is a list of interests that were shared.

* Prioritize support for African-centered internationalization efforts.
* Streamline process for African-centered educational travel – both study abroad for students and professional development for faculty/staff, including service learning educational travel.
* Commit resources for district membership in global education organizations like CCID, NAFSA, CCIE, and NACCE, and supporting Los Rios faculty, staff, and administrators to regularly attend their conferences.
* Support our colleges to take a lead role in The Pan-African Virtual College (PAVC) by participating in the consortium during the pilot stage.
* Explore an MOU with the University of Ghana and Cape Coast University for virtual collaboration around a Global STEAM Knowledge Exchange.

It was suggested that we gain the support of the academic senate and distant ed. Also build a better infrastructure for processing trips. Streamline processes and work on better communication within the process.

Review/Approval of Past Minutes - [October 10, 2024 Minutes](https://docs.google.com/document/d/12uhg0DS4uLtmNj5dO87VksnneTcpTebT?rtpof=true&usp=drive_fs)

October 10, 2024 minutes were approved

Updates: College Study Abroad

* ARC – No report
* CRC – No report
* FLC - Richard reported on trip to Paris in 2025. 14 students have begun the online application process and 11 have paid their deposit. 7 have begun the report process.
  + Working on 2026 proposal.
  + Debi reported on trip to Japan. Currently have 17 enrolled.
* SCC – Riad reported on Ghana 2025 – Going through the approval process and now and in the process of recruiting students.
* District study abroad – Adam reported – wrapping up recruitment for the Florence cohort in spring 2025. 25 students from Los Rios are going out of 100 across the four districts.

Updates: District Study Abroad

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Workgroups:

International Education LRCCD Regulations Update - [R-7151](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ANY2y6JWfIKAC3q_TgX9IOi5c-JEiJ4Jjl7-QAWkt04/edit)

Legal looked at the updates and have made changes.

Remaining Meetings:

* February 13, 3:30PM to 5:00PM
* April 10, 3:30PM to 5:00PM