

Minutes  
System Council on International Education  
Georgia College and State University  
April 17, 2009 – 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order and Introductions
  - A. In attendance were 40 representatives from USG colleges and universities and 3 representatives from the Board of Regents: Dr. Linda Noble, Ms. Tonya Lam, and Dr. Robert Vaughan. Introductions were made and the meeting called to order by Dr. Nancy W. Shumaker, Chair.
  
- II. SCIE Councils and Committees: Updates
  - A. Committees
    1. Faculty Development and Curriculum – Debra Denzer
      - a. Faculty Development Seminars: 2009 Thailand has been postponed to 2011. 2010 seminars to Europe and Egypt are approved and will be advertised to USG faculty.
      - b. Chancellor’s Awards: What about 2010? Appeal to BOR for continuation of awards for 2010. Without them, seminars probably will not make.
      - c. FCC discussed collaborating with the GCIS on providing faculty development for infusing the curriculum and campus internationalization.
    2. International Students and Scholars – Chaudron Gille
      - a. Student Health Insurance Program: Tonya Lam updated the committee on the SHIP.
      - b. IELTS: IELTS now can be accepted in lieu of TOEFL for admission to USG colleges and universities.
      - c. BOR Strategic Goals for 2010: Target is to increase international student enrollment to 8.5% by January 2010 and to 10% by January 2012. How do we accomplish this without organized recruitment efforts and funding?
    3. Study Abroad and Exchange – Dlynn Armstrong-Williams
      - a. Financial Management Guidelines: Representatives of the BOR Auditors Office presented guidelines and answered questions about financial management of study abroad programs. A PowerPoint presentation was made and will be distributed to members of the committee.
        - i. Important to pay faculty travel and expenses out of appropriate E&G account. If departmental E&G account not original source of funds, then funds must be transferred from the appropriate study abroad agency account into the E&G account before the funds are disbursed.
        - ii. Study abroad agency accounts should have a 5-20% cushion in them for possible changes in currency, emergencies, etc. These funds can be carried over from fiscal year to fiscal year in order to fund recruitment for the following year’s programs. Time limit is 18 months.
      - b. Study Abroad Goals and Reporting: The format will be the same. Marci Middleton at the BOR is responsible for receiving the report and will send out the format to everyone.
      - c. Risk Management for Study Abroad Programs: A recommendation was made that there be a parents/guardian link on the study abroad website and the OIE website so that parents and guardians can get answers to questions they may have about programs.

## B. Councils

1. Africa Council – Eustace Palmer
  - a. 2010 Faculty Development Seminar to Egypt accepted by FCC Committee and now must be advertised and faculty participants recruited.
2. Americas Council – José DaCruz
  - a. Jim Anderson reported for José DaCruz
  - b. Annual conference was held successfully; the Council is hoping to expand the conference for next year.
  - c. Chile study abroad program has been successful in recruitment efforts and is a “go” for 2009.
3. Asia Council – Eric Kendrick
  - a. Tom Howard report for Eric Kendrick
  - b. 2009 Faculty Development Seminar to Egypt postponed to 2011 with hope that political turmoil will have calmed down.
    - i. Alternative program also in the wings just in case that change must be made in 2011.
4. European Council – Dwight Call
  - a. Neal McCrillis continues as Chair until September and reported that selection of 2010 faculty will take place this afternoon at the EC meeting from 1:00-4:00 p.m.
5. Proposal for Council for Middle East
  - a. Sunita Marian and Tom Howard provided information about past efforts to create a Council for the Middle East, including a Mission Statement, Goals, and Initiatives.
    - i. First Annual Middle East Symposium, April 18, 2009, at Georgia College and State University.
  - b. Nancy Shumaker proposed consideration of adding a Council for the Middle East to the USG Councils.
    - i. Discussion about specifics such as faculty development seminars, funding, etc. led to a proposal that a vote be held to first approve creation of a Council for the Middle East and then to assign to members of that group the task of specifying answers to questions raised during the discussion. Neal McCrillis made the motion, Dwight Call seconded, the vote was unanimous.

## III. International Education Principles Strategic Goal I

### 2009 Targets: Have we reached them?

1. Most have been reached.

### B. 2010 Targets: Can we meet them?

1. Implement International Education Principles on additional seven USG campuses
  - a. These Principles fit in with mission statements and strategic plans for USG campuses as a whole and are being implemented in some fashion throughout the USG.
2. Adopt new ethics policies for study-abroad programs
  - a. The Study Abroad Committee will be addressing this issue during 2009-2010 and putting together policies for approval by the SCIE.
3. Increase study-abroad rate to 22%

- a. Is this an overall System target? And what is the figure based upon --- 22% of total enrollment as of Fall 2009? (This becomes a moving target from year to year and makes it very hard to meet goals.) 22% of Spring 2010 graduates?
  - b. Increasing study abroad rates is going to be difficult given the current economic crisis and always is going to be difficult without scholarships to offer students. Without the STARS funding, we cannot achieve this.
- 4. Increase international student enrollment to 8.5%
  - a. For graduate students, we must have graduate assistantships. For undergraduate students, the tuition waiver helps.
  - b. We need a centralized recruitment effort that focuses upon recruiting for the entire System so that students know about the variety of colleges and universities we have in the USG, the different locations they are in, and so on.
- 5. Develop 10 study-abroad programs to support foreign language and international studies majors
  - a. Again, we need to have scholarships and financial support to provide students wanting to go abroad.
  - b. Also, paying faculty to direct and teach programs abroad always is a huge issue and we need a message from the BOR to our campuses that study abroad is very important and that faculty need to be supported so that they can participate as directors and instructors on programs abroad.
- 6. Train an additional 50 USG faculty in global teaching strategies
  - a. Some campuses are doing that through various means but it would be very helpful to return to the Train the Trainer workshop format that was used and to make sure that the people who were trained are accessible and supported so that they can provide training to additional faculty and staff in the USG.

#### IV. 2009-2010 Meeting Dates and Times

- A. Tentative dates are: Fall meeting on Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>; Spring meeting on Friday, January 22.  
 Time: Committee meetings in a.m., SCIE meeting in mid-day; Council meetings in p.m.  
 Location: Georgia College Graduate School site in Macon. Dwight Call will assist in making reservations for the site.

#### V. Adjournment