

Attended by: Elizabeth Bieri, Donal Carbaugh, Edward Chang, Steven Forrest, Don Gjertson, Frank Hugus, Elena Khatskevich, Howard A. Peelle, Irena Bozin-Mirkovic, Lorna Peterson, Peter Stern, Zhongwei Shen.

**1. Approval of the Minutes of the November 14 meeting.** Steven Forrest asked to make changes in the minutes in point 6 regarding Faculty Handbook for Leading Short-Term Programs abroad. Frank Hugus made a motion to approve the Minutes of the November meeting, Edward Chang seconded, and the minutes were approved by the members of the council.

**2.** Donal Carbaugh, the Council Chair, introduced Elizabeth Bieri, an undergraduate appointee to the Council.

**3. Report about the Fulbright dinner.**

Donal Carbaugh described the Fulbright dinner on campus which celebrated what its various programs brought to the UMass campus. There were about 80-100 former Fulbright grantees, mostly faculty, in attendance, which also included a group of students from Iraq. Current Fulbright students on campus came to the stage for recognition; some faculty, including Carbaugh, gave testimonies.

Howard Peele asked why UMass is not a member of the International Fulbright Association. Frank Hugus said IPO would see what institutional membership in this association gives UMass. Frank Hugus expressed his concern that not all the Fulbright faculty and students were being identified and invited for the dinner. Lorna Peterson said it would be good to extend Fulbright related communication to the five-college system.

**4. International Programs Office Report – Frank Hugus**

Work on the Faculty Handbook for Leading Short-Term Programs Abroad is in progress and IPO will need some help with reviewing the language of the document in January.

There are seven candidates for the Director of Study Abroad position, and the hiring process should be finalized soon.

Frank Hugus informed the Council of the death of John N. Maki and read the eulogy to commemorate his contributions.

This year's International Week events were successful, there is hope it will be more elaborate next year. IPO is working on introducing an academic component to the Week. Frank Hugus invited the Council members to suggest ideas for the next year. The Council members suggested publicizing the event on a larger scale, involving UMass library, Amherst cinema, different campus listserves, and having Fulbright dinner during the International Week.

Frank Hugus talked about a former program at UMass, Languages Across the Curriculum.

Professors had students read texts in different languages. Steven Forrest said that Honors College could benefit from integrating this idea into one of their programs.

On November 20, there was an opening ceremony of the Confucius Institute in Boston. This is the Chinese Government's effort to spread Chinese culture and language through training Chinese language teachers. UMass is one of the four universities in the USA which issues Chinese teaching certificates. UMass applied for the Freedom Foundation grant which can help to further develop and support teaching Chinese for about three years. A key element in this initiative is requiring an MA for the teaching of the Chinese language.

**5. Report from COPE.**

COPE will hold the next meeting to discuss the Faculty Handbook for Leading Short-Term Programs Abroad. Steven Forrest expressed his appreciation to Laurel Foster Moore who was very helpful with the Handbook. The council agreed in their acknowledgment of Laurel's instrumental work on the Handbook. The next COPE meeting will be devoted to discussing the Italian exchange program, among other new business.

**6. Other.**

The Council members discussed the international relations database and how useful it is. They suggested having another item in the database for Fulbright participants.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.