International Studies Council

Minutes, November 4, 2013

Present: Steve Forrest, Chair. Jack Ahern, Jenny Spencer, Elizabeth Mazzocco, Ashley Krause, Ernie May, Margaret Allard, Irena Bozin, Howard Peelle, Michael Coblyn, Tim Lang, Kalpen Trivedi, M. Christine King, Gonen Dori-Hacohen. Minutes by Andrea Juno

Guests: Chan Young Park, LL&C.

1. Minutes of last meeting Oct. 7, 2013:
   • Corrections:
     o 4. COPE SPPHS Faculty-Led Program to Haiti we need to add to “voted unanimously to approve” that “they are waiting for the budget.”
     o The Women’s Center name is officially named, Center for Women & Community.
   • Minutes approved unanimously, with corrections.

2. Review of ISC Bylaws and Membership (Steve Forrest):
   • Steve is working on the ISC Senate Faculty website and requests that members check their name and correct spelling.
   • The bylaws and all minutes are posted there.
   • Ernie May, Secretary of the Faculty Senate, is working on a search engine/workflow-processing system for Faculty Senate councils to be on-line, maybe by the end of year. There will be a wizard to create new exchange agreements with an electronic way to create the form, get the signatures for approvals and send it to the appropriate councils such as ISC and COPE.
   • Jack Ahern would like the first step in the process of creating exchanges to check in with IPO. He will talk to Brian Harvey.
   • Do we have student members for ISC? We had 3 undergrad and graduate students—Christine King will email them to see if they are still interested.
   • Christine will send to Ernie the correct wording of the changes of the bylaws we approved last semester.

3. COPE Update (Tim Lang, new Chair of Committee on Overseas Programs and Exchanges):
   • Prof. Chan Young Park, LL&C, presents a Faculty-led program proposal: Korean Language Immersion Program, Busan, Korea.
     o This is an intensive course for second year Korean language students from the Five-Colleges.
     o Busan is 2.5 hours away from Seoul on the bullet train. It is an island so it’s cooler in the summer. Courses and dorms are at the Korean Maritime and Ocean University.
     o There will be a proficiency exam at the end which is more intensive than most summer programs. Elizabeth Mazzocco suggests having a rating conducted before the course to view the students’ progress.
     o Park received a Faculty-Staff Internationalization grant award from IPO/ISC.
     o This program is economical—the dorms are $150 per month and food $6 a day.
     o The Korean university views this as beneficial and is considering this as an on-going program.
• Discussion of credits (3 credits from UMass) and the possibility of making it 4 credits like the other 5-colleges such as Mt. Holyoke. The students are able to stay at KMOU longer on their own and receive 3 more credits with a transcript from KMOU. Elizabeth Mazzocco discusses the possibility of a grant if the student studies at least 100 hours and 6 weeks. She will also talk to Neal Abraham about the possibility for a 4th course here. Steve would like to at least have Korean as a minor.
• Will the student be able to continue Korean studies since UMass does not have a major? Maybe can go through Honors College, have an ‘H’ Honors designation.
• Discussion on changing courses.
• The committee voted unanimously to approve Prof. Park’s course.
• Kalpen Trivedi, IPO, presents an Exchange proposal: UMA and Vrije Universiteit (VU) Amsterdam.
  Historically, we have had exchanges in the Netherlands but at present, we have none. This proposal is for Vrije University in Amsterdam. All graduate courses are taught in English. We have interested students and this is an affordable exchange. They may be able to add Dutch language. Guaranteed assistance for housing, the same as UMass offers. VU has extensive course offerings for undergrads and grads in a variety of courses that students cannot get here. Academically, it’s a vibrant vital place. They see no safety issues beyond those of a normal city.
• The committee voted unanimously to approve the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam exchange.

4. Involvement of ISC members in the ACE Internationalization Planning Process:
• A number of ISC members are involved and several expressed their desire to join some subcommittees.
• Andrea Juno, who is helping the logistics for the ACE Co-Chairs, will facilitate matching people with the sub-committees.

5. IPO Director’s Update (Jack Ahern):
• For the Sesquicentennial Events, on October 18, IPO and the Chancellor’s office hosted an afternoon symposium. The keynote speaker, Dr. Fujita, a scholar of Pres. W. S. Clark, claimed Clark had a profound influence on Japanese education and society. Afterwards there were two faculty panels discussing internationalization in higher education. Jack has asked to get the panelist statements.
• The attendance was over 100 people.
• After the symposium, in the Integrated Science Building lobby, was an opening of the exhibit “W.S. Clark as Collector: a Legacy at Two Agricultural Colleges”. Permanent display cases, presented Clark’s influence on botany and his trip to Hokkaido, Japan. UMass students presented posters.
• The day ended with a dinner. Prof. Stephan Clingman gave an inspiring talk about bringing the world to UMass and UMass to the world.
• IPO Faculty-Staff Internationalization Grants:
  o 17 applications were submitted. Each college agreed to fund 1 grant each, except for HFA & SBS, who agreed to 2 grants each. ISOM will not fund any this year. Two deans wanted to see the grants in the aggregate to rank them before we sent them to the ISC members.
Another issue that needs to be dealt with is that 3 of the applicants have already received a grant. It was decided to write into future application guidelines that they cannot re-apply until 3 years.

- On Oct. 21 & 22, Dr. Sukhadeo Thorat visited the campus. He was the UGC predecessor of Dr Ved Prakash, who came in August. This position is akin to the Indian Minister of Higher Education. Dr. Thorat gave a public lecture as well as a roundtable on the topic of diversity and internationalization on a large scale.

- ACE Senior Associate, Dr. Barbara Hill, who leads the ACE Internationalization Laboratory, will be visiting our campus next Tuesday to meet with the campus leadership and the people who will be spearheading the UMass internationalization effort. Her role is to hear from us what we want and help us achieve this. The next step will be presenting a draft presentation in Washington, DC, by the Co-Chairs and Jack Ahern in Feb.