International Studies Council

Minutes, December 2, 2013


1. Minutes of last meeting, November 4, 2013:
   - Minutes approved unanimously.

2. Faculty Senate Workflow (Steve Forrest)
   - Bylaws:
     - Updated amended bylaws approved. Final approval by Faculty Senate on Dec. 12.
     - Third party providers were added to ISC management.
     - Suggestion to add in membership: the Director of Continuing and Professional Education or designee.
   - Faculty Senate Website Engine:
     - Steve talked with Bryan Beck, who is developing the web tool for creating new agreements, MOUs, faculty-led programs, ...among others - and will talk to ISC at the next meeting.
     - ISC needs to give full details of what is needed. At last COPE meeting this was discussed. In Feb. they will bring a draft of the enumerated list and basic structure.
     - The process will start with IPO. Will this interface with IPO website?

3. COPE Update (Tim Lang):
   - Summer Short-Term Faculty-Led Summer Program to Sapporo, Japan designed by Steve Forrest, LLC.
     - The short term program with Hokkaido that we have had since 1990 ended 3 years ago. This will be in the same city, Sapporo.
     - 2 LLC courses: Japanese 197J (3 credits) pre- and post-travel instruction at UMass and Japanese 397J (3 credits) —language immersion in Sapporo with both classroom (Hokkaido University in Education-HUE) and practical experience — travelling, shopping, museums, etc.
     - HUE is the program organizer for the first 3 weeks in Sapporo. They have agreed to support an extra 4th week as an option for students.
     - Physical and online courses. Target number of students: 12-15.
     - Requirements: Elementary Japanese language ability.
     - Sapporo is a very safe city and the students will be closely shepherded.
     - $5,000— mostly because of airfare. Residential-commercial housing (like a youth hostel) with communal kitchen that will save some money. But if program does not fill, they will not lose any money.
     - This program can be offered every year.
   - The committee voted unanimously to approve.
4. ACE Internationalization Lab Committees—thoughts or concerns:
   - Some confusion about what is required for January draft deadline.
   - Should this developed for management or be visionary? What is the charge?
   - Jack will get models and put on the ACE server. Also IPO can help with work in fact finding.
   - Also Marilyn Blaustein from Office of Institutional Research.

5. IPO Director’s Update (Jack Ahern):
   - Received visits from American University of Beirut & American University of Cairo on the same day. AUC has been closed for UM A exchanges but we are considering sending students again.
   - ACE Senior Associate, Dr. Barbara Hill, who leads the ACE Internationalization Laboratory, visited the campus and gave a presentation and Q&A to the committee members. She has guided over a 100 universities in their internationalization efforts.
   - Nancy Condon (IPO-International Scholars) and Jack meet with a group of international faculty that Prof. Richard Chu had organized with a mentor grant from Mellon. One of the outcomes was that they wanted to organize their own ACE subcommittee for international faculty concerns that they felt did not fit with the other committee.
   - IPO has been having a number of meetings with key undergraduate advisors concerning the lack of access to many important courses for the international exchange students, especially in high demand majors like ISOM, Engineering. Have had some good meetings and have made progress.
   - Jack is preparing to go to India in January with the Chancellor and Om Parkash, Stockbridge. The goal is to establish research collaborations and partnerships, reach out to alumni for development, and undergrad recruitment. They will go to Delhi, Mumbai and Bangalore.
   - IPO has held several India roundtables, attempting to build a database of contacts and relationships.
   - India is developing articulation agreements: spending 2 years in India, then going to America for a degree. 3 years plus 2 is better. Joint or dual degrees are challenging. Also exploring accelerated degrees—do some years in India and come here to finish Indian degree, and then student stays for Master’s. Accelerated Master’s can also be a feeder for PhD at UMass.

6. New Business:
   - Our East Asian Library wants to explore a relationship with Hokkaido and UMass with either an MOU or Exchange. Maxine Schmidt had visited East Asian university libraries on an IPO grant and gave ISC a presentation. Librarian Sharon Domier wants an agreement made. Jack will write to Jay Schafer about an MOU.