

Minutes: IESC
 Room: HSS 230

Date: April 18, 2017

Present: Rob Troyer, Bryan Dutton, Ermie Buncal, Teresa Tolento, Melissa Cannon, Misty Weitzel, Kate Connolly, Robin Smith, Ann Bliss

Time	Agenda Item	Who	Outcome/Follow-up
3:50pm	Approval of Feb minutes	Rob Troyer	Minutes reviewed and approved by committee
	Thank you to members helping with ICSP scholarship applications	Rob Troyer	Thank you to Robin Smith, Melissa Cannon, and Daryl Thomas for reviewing ICSP scholarship applications.
	Update on first cohort of Early Childhood ED students from China next fall	Rob Troyer	<p>Rob Troyer met with Mark Girod and Cindy Ryan recently to discuss the students and coordinate support programs. The students are from one university in Shanghai. The program is becoming more competitive and admits only 100 students per year. During their third year, approximately half of the students will come to WOU for Fall through Summer courses then return to China to complete their Elementary/Early Childhood teaching licenses. At WOU they will take a prearranged sequence of upper division ED coursework. Support includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conversation Partners with domestic COE students • Availability of English Tutors with knowledge of ED course content/ requirements/ expectations • A Smartpen in each class with notes+audio available to all students • Moodle support training for students • Instructor Professional Development
	Update from OIED	Ermie Buncal	OIED is shifting some funds from direct exchange programs to more reciprocal programs. Current Study Abroad numbers: Spring term: 4 students abroad, Summer projection: 25 students, next academic year: 13 students
	Update from INTL student academic	Rob Troyer	International Learning Specialist from .75 to 1.0 fte for upcoming year. This will allow the specialist to provide more support

	support		services and work more closely with academic units with significant numbers of international students.
	Update on Study Abroad at Academic Excellence Showcase	Bryan Dutton, Misty Weitzel, Ermie Buncal	Ermie and Misty are co-sponsors of the event. It will be a 1-hour morning session ideally with 4 recent study abroad student presenters, each speaking for 12 minutes + 3 minutes for questions from the audience. This format worked well last year and was well-attended.
	Discussion of degree plans and Gen Ed concerns	Kate Connolly and committee members	The committee discussed recent concerns regarding the “WOU Way 30-60-90” plan for undergraduate degrees. The issue of most relevance to the IESC committee is that the plan privileges a BS degree as a default and would make it prohibitively difficult for students wanting a BA to fit 2 years of foreign language study into their degree. The committee stands by the goals of a liberal arts education that prizes the humanistic values of diversity and cultural competence that are direct outcomes of foreign language study.