

International Education and Services Committee meeting
Feb 20, 2007

In attendance: Doug Smith, Claudia De Soller, Cheryl Strand, Denvy Saxowsky, Michele Price, Mike McGlade, Ann Bliss, Jie Liu, Karen Haberman, Daryl Thomas, David Hargreaves, Neng Yang, John Rector.

1) WOU participates in the National Student Exchange, which is managed out of Student Affairs. NSE has a Canada component to the program that Student Affairs would like to add, but since it is international, this committee must approve it. Michele had the NSE books and information to distribute. Gary Dukes of Student Affairs is the one who will sign off on it and is eager to move forward. Motion to approve, seconded and passed.

2) Proposal to have a student affairs representative on the International Education committee in an ad hoc capacity was approved. Extend invitation. Michael Hampton was suggested as the representative from Student Affairs.

3) Michele had already introduced two OUS proposals for review: University of Sheffield, England and James Cook University, Australia—both have a science focus. Since the committee had time to review these since the last meeting the two OUS programs (Sheffield and James Cook) were approved.

4) Dr Sol of Gongju National University of Education is very interested in developing an exchange program with WOU. Dr. Sol and his delegation are scheduled to visit in March to sign an agreement. This will be an opportunity for faculty exchange and student exchange (Neng still negotiating to see about 2 x 2 program). The money exchange rate for South Korea makes it expensive for them.

(Not on Agenda) Hispanic Global Alliance: Spanish study abroad program has scholarships, so this may be a resource for our Hispanic students at WOU. Question: Is WOU still a HACU member? What are the costs and membership requirements? We must be careful not to overlap with OUS, since the agreement is not to conflict or compete with current OUS programs. However, HACU has many scholarships totaling \$45,000 for members and we can choose programs out of their list. We need more information so Michele will find out what membership requirements are.

Revisiting old business: WOU liability and insurance coverage for students researching/studying abroad not through WOU program but earning WOU credit. We have already determined last year that the student must go through study abroad office. The first student has filled out forms, paper work & registration over the term. In order to streamline this process the committee recommended that just the chair person of committee will sign off.

5) Announcement: Yeditepe University, Turkey representative visiting campus in April. The date and time of the reception will be emailed later. This university may be candidate for Neng's 2x2 program.

6) Report on Neng's January recruitment trip (4 weeks in PRC): 90 applications from this trip, 380 from past 6 months.

7)The updated international student enrollment (see Handout) Currently there are 152 international students: 61 ESL , 92 full time WOU and of these 43 are graduate students. The international student program is financially self sustaining. This includes WOU enrollment in classes and the ESL program.

8) International visiting scholars. Neng reports little response from departments from his request for mentoring and sponsoring. Neng did not have information today about visiting scholars, he will let the committee know when he has the information.

9)International training programs. There are 2 seminars, noncredit: CPA program 4-5 months on campus. Health administrators group touring .

Ann Bliss announced that in light of the Strategic planning is focus on retention, the English Department has classes designed for international & Americans that intends to address retention. She reminds the committee to recommend that all Divisions realize international students are now part of population of classes.

Question: How well are the international students integrating with Americans? Discussed that international students may feel more comfortable as roommates with each other rather than mingling. There have been some racist comments made by American students in the dorms. This faculty wants to help but is not sure how. The faculty and Neng's office must focus on academics. WOU has limited facilities to support all special needs of international students. The Business Division cannot have representative on this committee this year, even though they have the concentration of international students.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:23PM