Council on Internationalization and Global Engagement
Meeting Minutes
4/2/2015

Present: Sam Fish, Shanti Freitas, Nancy Hanson-Rasmussen, Karen Havholm, Stephen Hill, Paul Kaldjian, Cheryl Lapp, Ling Liu, David Lonzarich, Karl Markgraf, Kim Reed (Council Secretary), Eric Torres

Absent: Cindy Albert, Jason Anderson, Rose-Marie Avin, Linda Carlson, Ben Corbett, Analisa De Grave, Erik Hendrickson, Theresa Kemp, Kerry Kincaid, Alan Rieck, John Rosenow

Guests: Mike Carney

Handouts: Agenda, Minutes of 2/19/15

1) Welcome and adjustments to the agenda

2) Approval of Minutes of 19 February 2015

3) Business
   a) Paul suggested that we invite Fulbright speakers to campus next year. The Fulbright program will pay airfare, and UWEC would only have to cover lodging costs. It would be a great way to invite international speakers to campus. Suggestions were made to have each College invite a speaker, invite a Fulbright Ambassador to explain what the program offers, and to have a “Fulbright Week”.

   b) The Study Abroad Reflective Essay prompt has been revised and is currently being used by students. Essays will be reviewed the week after finals. Shanti reported that the revised prompt guides students more effectively and will assist reviewers in assessing R2.

   c) A Peace Corps Prep proposal has been submitted. If UW-Eau Claire is chosen, all Colleges would be able to participate.

   d) Paul submitted a proposal highlighting our D2D program to the 2015 AACU Global Learning in College conference. Please let Paul know if you would like a copy of the proposal.

   e) On March 5th, the CIGE review committee approved a Women’s Studies D2D proposal with Women's University in Africa. They also approved a Marketing and Management International Events proposal to bring Mr. Shady Gobran, international management speaker, to campus in late April.

   f) Nancy mentioned that she is going to invite Scott Schroeder, Vice President of Garrett Popcorn, to speak on campus and would like feedback on whether people thought this spring or the fall would be better. His company has recently expanded into China. Consensus was to invite him in the fall.
g) Steve Hill asked members if they would be willing to support and oversee the Symposium on East Europe as Paulis Lazda will be retiring. He offered the possibility of changing the theme to an “International Symposium” with the first topic centering on Eurasia Security. Suggestions were made to decide on a theme, find out if benefactors would continue to financially fund the event, including supporting a broader theme, and reach out to the State Department for additional funding. Steve will follow up with answers at the next meeting.

h) Steve Hill presented a proposed Global Sustainability Certificate that he has been collaborating on with Karen Mumford. He would like the Council’s feedback before he submits it to APC. He is expecting that this certificate would fill a gap for students looking to pursue Global Sustainability issues. Currently, there is no method for certificates to receive feedback before they are submitted to APC for review. Paul and David will send the proposal to their departments for feedback and discuss comments at the next meeting.

4) The Chancellor has approached Paul and Karl to consider options for keeping study abroad costs the same as studying on campus. Karl said he would provide a list of exchange programs that would be likely to succeed under this model. We will discuss this further at the next meeting.

5) Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kimberly Reed

The next meeting is Thursday, April 16, 2 p.m. Phillips 283