Global Programs Committee Meeting --- 3/18/14

1. Welcome at 9:00 AM

**Members Present:** Colleen P. Balukas, Colleen Connolly-Ahern, Gregory A. Crawford, Molly N. Droelle, Andrew S. Freiberg, Ian C. Gilchrist, M. Amanul Haque, Benjamin T. Hudson, Barrie E. Litzky (by phone), Valerie Ann Lynn, John A. Nousek

**Members Absent:** Michael A. Adewumi, Madhuri Desai, Juan Fernández-Jiménez, Henry J. Morello, Jon F. Nussbaum, Willie K. Ofosu, Rama B. Radhakrishna, Zachary M. Rinker

2. Minutes of January 28 meeting were approved.

3. Announcements

April Senate meeting is expected to be very long because of a large number of legislative items. Some informational reports may be moved to summer or August meeting.

One page summary of engaged scholarship is coming, based on request from incoming president, and as an advisory report for the new Gen Ed requirements.

4. Old Business

Embedded Programs Report Status: Students from COMM 511 will be completing their interviews by April. Balukas suggested ELAN, an open-source program for transcribing interviews. Students will be interviewing students, faculty and administrators who have been involved in embedded programs at PSU. Greg drafted the data portion of the report on embedded programs. Freiberg requested charts with details for the participants. There is some problem with getting better information, since Global Programs is only directly responsible for mandating insurance for embedded programs; they don’t have more detailed information to provide at this time. More discussion might be added after interviews. Recommendation from the committee to record additional information as part of the insurance process will be forwarded to Global Programs. Barrie Litzky agreed to use the protocol to interview faculty and/or students from Brandywine.

5. New Business

International Student Welfare Committee will complete their report this afternoon. Information is based on two student luncheons and work of a task-force formed by Michael Adewumi. Main issues of Behrend, Altoona, Berks, Abington, and south east campus locations were addressed, including transportation, on- and off-campus housing, usability of websites, tuition, language barriers, and better communication about campus assignments upon admission. Droelle was unable to get a report about last year’s luncheon from Damon Sims’ office. Droelle also noted that the subcommittee was unclear whether or not its mission needed to be extended into next year.
Next meeting will focus on next year’s committee goals, and suggestions for our charges for next year. We should also be ready to make suggestions for the make-up of the committee. Freiberg suggested some kind of on-going, longitudinal research project from the committee on perceptions of students about going abroad when they begin at Penn State and throughout their experience, and perhaps after graduation.

Minutes prepared by Colleen Connolly-Ahern, Vice Chair, Global Programs Committee