SENATE COMMITTEE ON GLOBAL PROGRAMS
Minutes for Meeting #3, December 9th, 2014
9:00 am, 412 Boucke Building

Members Present (11):
Michael Adewumi, Colleen Connolly-Ahern, Gregory Crawford (via phone), Jacob Hagedorn, Richard Harnish, Ian Gilchrist, Valerie Ann Lynn, Lisa Mangel, Wareesha Tariq

Members Absent:
Andrew Ahr, Paul Barsom, Juan Fernandez-Jimenez, Andrew Freiberg, M. Amanul Haque, James Kasting, John Nousek, Nicole Roberts

Guests:
Sylvester Osagie

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Minutes October 21st, 2014 Approved

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Colleen Connolly-Ahern

- With the LionPath implementation the University Charter may be changed due to the software – some of this may require senatorial action
  o Switch to terms instead of semester
  o No idea of implementation time

- Conflict of Commitment Policy (AD77)
  o [https://guru.psu.edu/policies/AD77.html](https://guru.psu.edu/policies/AD77.html)
  o Concern about the broadness of outside University work
  o Pat Coke has had a request from the business school to clarify the wording

- HTH Insurance
  o [https://global.psu.edu/info/going-abroad/more-information/health-safety/health-insurance-abroad](https://global.psu.edu/info/going-abroad/more-information/health-safety/health-insurance-abroad)
  o There is tremendous interest in this topic
  o Fellow senators would like an informational report (roll out, tie into the travel registry, etc)

OLD BUSINESS
1. Two subcommittees were formed based on pending reports: an Embedded Programs Report and a Faculty Travel Report.
   - Embedded Programs Report - Student affairs and one other group would like to be a part of the report
   - Informational report on the Faculty Travel Registry

2. The Senate Committee on Intra-University Relations wants a Senate Committee member from Global Programs to attend their next meeting (January, 2015 – Business Building, 8:30 AM).
The Intra-University Relations Committee is preparing a Penn State International report – discussing the impact of increasing globalization of the campuses. Sylvester Osagie, Barbara Rowe, and Andy Freiberg are tentatively scheduled to attend this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS
1. Update from Michael Adewumi
   - International Students
     o Currently there are 8225 international students, 6617 of those students are UP students.
     o There is approximately a 12% overall increase in international students since 2012.
     o More growth is occurring on commonwealth campuses (approximately a 15% increase) with a 5% increase at UP.
     o 5365 international students are undergraduates.
     o PSU students represent 132 countries but currently over 60% of PSU international Students arrive from China, South Korea and India.
     o Recruitment techniques include targeting International Schools, scholarships, and Joint Centers.
     o An international student surcharge has been implemented to increase the quantity and quality of services for the international students ($258/semester – current students will be grandfathered/the fee will be increased to a flat $500/semester for incoming students).
     o Madeline Haynes will receive the money and distribute it to commonwealth campuses.
     o Someone will keep track of the funding being used.
     o Jennifer Campbell (Director of Student Engagement) will be in charge of creating programs throughout the students’ years (spectrum of programs).
     o Global Connections also helps provide support for international students and families (the University has increased their funding and has granted more campus space for this organization).
     o The College of Liberal Arts will receive funding to offer English as a second language courses.
     o Undergraduate Education will expand tutoring services for international students.
     o There is currently concern over the increase in emotional issues in the international student population.
     o This brings concerns for the students, student privacy laws, etc.

   - Travel Registry
     o A mandate letter should have come from the administration (committee members suggested adding the information to Penn Live and Penn State Today)
     o Penn State has offered a blanket policy to all faculty and staff as long as everyone traveling registers in the travel registry and signs up for the HTH insurance
     o Terradotta (http://www.terradotta.com/study-abroad.html) is working with UP to draft a “seamless” website
     o The website is set to formally launch sometime in the Spring of 2015
• **International scholars**
  o Currently there are 1500 international scholars throughout PSU, this is a growth of 100% over the last 5 years
  o The process by which these scholars participate with the Schools and Departments is decentralized – Mike’s office does Visas
  o There are 3 main concerns about this issue
    1. Federal government is worried about stolen intellectual properties (export control)
    2. Individuals will be used for cheap labor
    3. Mode of communication – foreign language is dominating US research laboratories
  o Government documents state that international scholars are required to possess English proficiency – the University is violating this policy if they are not proficient in English
  o 3 ways to satisfy this requirement were discussed
    1. English language proficiency test
    2. Certification by an English Language instructor
    3. Conduct interviews to see if the scholars are competent in the English language
  o Department Heads should oversee the “proof of proficiency”

• **Health Insurance**
  o Affordable Care Act
  o Every student and every scholar has to have insurance

• **Barbara Rowe has announced her retirement. Interviews for her position will take place in January.**

2. The Global Programs Committee would like to bring Jennifer Campbell and a GENs initiative person to upcoming meetings.

3. **Adjournment of Global Programs Committee**
The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 AM

Minutes submitted by
Lisa Mangel