SENATE COMMITTEE ON GLOBAL PROGRAMS
Meeting 1: December 10, 2013

Minutes

Members Present: Michael A. Adewumi, Colleen Connolly-Ahern, Gregory A. Crawford, Molly N Droelle, Andrew S. Freiberg, Ian C. Gilchrist, Benjamin T. Hudson, Barrie E. Litzky (by phone), Valerie Ann Lynn, Henry J. Morello


APPROVAL OF MINUTES An error in the October minutes listed Senator Desai as present at the committee meeting. Freiberg moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting as corrected; the move was seconded by Gilchrist. Motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chair Greg Crawford welcomed committee members and reminded everyone that the next meeting would take place on January 28, 2014. At that meeting, the committee will begin work on the other two reports due this year. Crawford noted that a main topic of the chairs meeting was new PSU Healthcare Benefits.

OLD BUSINESS: The committee reviewed the subcommittee draft of the Engaged Scholarship report, which is expected to be presented to the Faculty Senate on January 28, 2014.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Michael Adewumi addressed the committee to discuss updated statistics for international students at PSU.
   a. There is a difference between numbers provided by the IEE’s “Open Doors” report for Penn State, because the report only includes students from University Park. The UOGP is working with IEE to make the report more accurate and inclusive.
   b. According to IEE, PSU ranks #10 in the country for number of international students, with 6,000 plus students.
   c. According to PSU stats, 7,329 international students attended PSU in 2013, up 83% from 2008.
d. Three countries (China, India and South Korea) account for 60% of the international student population. China alone sends 40% of the students.
e. Michael has been visiting key locations in South America and Africa in order to diversify PSU’s international population.
   i. Brazil: Brazilian Student Mobility Program
      1. Universidade Estadual de Campinas is a future GENS partner (focus on graduate students)
   ii. Future trips include the Middle East, Turkey, and India (to enhance the quality of Indian students attending PSU)
      1. University of Pune (general)
      2. Indian Institute of Technology Madras (engineering)
f. The University of Zagreb is looking for faculty partners for research. Deans have been asked to find out if any faculty members are interested.
g. Issues that impede our success in attracting top international graduate students include:
   i. Finances (a new development officer will try to address this issue in UOGP)
   ii. Europe’s 3-year baccalaureate degree programs. This is being looked at on a case-by-case, country-by-country basis.

2. Michael also reported updated study abroad numbers for PSU students.
   a. Increase of 12%, to about 3,000 students
   b. According to IEE, we rank #19 in the country. Including campuses, we rank about #4. This is an increase of 27% since 2008.
   c. Western Europe still dominates study abroad (especially the UK and Spain)
   d. Students did go to more than 60 countries; however
      i. Faculty-led embedded programs have been supported at the campus level by grants from UOGP and Chancellor Madlyn Hanes

3. Michael reported that the GENS initiatives are continuing. The first thematic-based Global Health Workshop will be held in May 2014. The next meeting will be held outside the US.

4. The SPEC committee will be providing their input to the Strategic Planning process before the beginning of next semester
   a. Deans will be including global engagement as part of their 5-year plans
   b. New GENS partners are in Japan and Korea

5. Subcommittee Reports:
   a. Engaged Scholarship
      i. Committee received a draft of the report
      ii. All changes were due to Greg by the end of the week (12/13)
   b. Embedded Programs
i. University changes to semester dates is a problem for embedded programs
ii. Financial issues have also been reported
iii. There is no easy way for professors to get information to create their own programs—they are either getting too much or too little information
iv. One question that remains is the value of creating embedded programs to the P&T system
v. A best practices guide would be helpful
vi. Colleen Connolly-Ahern will be working with her graduate seminar in Qualitative Research on a project about embedded programs in Spring 2014

c. Student Welfare
   i. Droelle attended a workshop at Abington at which she was able to speak to a number of international students
   ii. Housing appears to be a difficult issue for international students who attend some campuses
   iii. The CCSG has tasked its Student Life Committee to talk to international students

Hudson moved to adjourn; the move was seconded by Freiberg. Motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote. Senators broke into subcommittee groups to continue work. Reports of subcommittees were not available at the time minutes were prepared.

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