University of Cincinnati
All-University Committee on International Affairs (IC)

Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 25, 2008

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM
6154 One Edwards (Annie Laws)

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I. Call to Order

Mitch Leventhal

II. Introductions

III. Special Guest: Effat College and CET&L

Robert Kallmeyer

BJ Zirger

UC has a joint Faculty Development Program with Effat College in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. In February a group of UC faculty traveled to Jeddah in a continuing effort to develop UC’s relationship with Effat. The guests reported on their recent activities, which included:
• Conducting a 4-day faculty development program at Effat College.
• Educating Effat faculty on the use of Faculty Learning Communities and assist in creation of their own LCs.
• Providing support for the Effat’s Center for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning.

It was explained that the plan is to develop an ongoing, sustainable faculty development relationship with Effat which will hopefully lead to additional new opportunities.

IV. Minutes of the past meeting were approved with no changes.

V. International Services Subcommittee Ron Cushing

This subcommittee has broken into several smaller working groups to explore issues like career services, housing, and transportation for incoming international students. Several ideas have come from the working groups including a Career Service Workshop, which will be offered in the fall in correlation with the Career Development Center. This workshop will go over options to work in the United States, along with visa and regulatory issues.

There has been no resolution in regard to temporary student housing for new arrivals. Most incoming international students live with other students until they secure housing, the main driving factor being the cost. Other options on and around campus, like the Vernon Manor, are too expensive for most new international students. This issue is at a standstill for the time being.

The issue of transportation or shuttle pick-up that would run from the Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky International Airport to the University hasn’t moved because UC Transportation will not take any of their shuttles off route. Therefore, the cost of chartering a new shuttle is too great.

The University of Cincinnati recently signed a contract with ELS to start a center for intensive English training. The center’s tentative opening date is September 15, 2008. This center is ideal for students needing intensive English before matriculating in the university system.

V. Study Abroad and Exchange Subcommittee Kurt Olausen

The biggest issued covered by this subcommittee concerns the approval of a new Study Abroad Fee Proposal, discussed at length later in the meeting. Other agenda items have included the streamlining of UC International Programs website and the addition of a Program Data Form in an effort to keep a running list of outgoing and ongoing programs. Also, the University is exploring new programs to Africa through CECH and to China through Clermont College.

VI. International Recruiting and Marketing Subcommittee Mitch Leventhal
International Admissions, a division of Enrollment Mgmt-Admissions, has added their first Senior Admissions Officer, Lindsey Fulcher. Also, International Admissions continues to forge key relationships around the world including institutional partnerships with a network of community colleges in Australia, (insert network name). These institutions would eventually serve as international feeder schools for the University of Cincinnati.

VII. Regional Campus Subcommittee

Vicki Hammer

Raymond Walters College, Clermont College, and UC International has are having ongoing talks in an effort to bolster international activity at the university’s regional campuses. Raymond Walters has begun recruiting for their Britain Study Tour at Clermont College and continues their faculty exchange with XISU in China. Talks of other programs with XISU continue but the biggest hurdle is housing for incoming Chinese students. Housing limits the number of incoming students who may be able stay at an apartment complex on the way to RWC.

VIII. Old Business

Mitch Leventhal

- A group of Ohio universities is embarking on a joint recruiting mission. The Ohio International Consortium is developing a brochure to highlight Ohio as a destination for international students.
- Other institutions have begun working on commission based recruiting, started here at the UC.
- NASULGC and AIEA – many high ranking people are very excited about UCosmic in terms of what it can do for data management and tracking of international activity.
- UCosmic – open-source licensing of UCosmic is an opportunity being pursued jointly with NASULGC. Multiple institutions have endorsed the initiative and, if successful, this will rapidly accelerate development plus position UC at the lead of data collection nationally. Currently the list of supporting institutions include: Univ. of Texas, Mississippi, Penn State, Univ. of Illinois, and Alaska.
- People can log into UCosmic now and search colleges for international activity.
- UC International is still waiting for each college to create an international mission statement.

X. New Business

SEVIS Compliance Funding

See Attached Proposal

The All-University Committee on International Affairs would like to make the following recommendation based on the aforementioned attachment:
Whereas the University of Cincinnati cannot receive international students and scholars unless it complies with the State Department, Homeland Security, and IRS… the International Committee strongly recommends the university find funds for the next year so International Services can continue their work at the present levels and services to the university community are not compromised. During the next fiscal year a new funding model will be identified that takes into account changes under SEVIS two.

UC Website – International Link

UC’s office of communication is hesitant that if an International link is placed on the front page there will be an influx of departments requesting the same. After reviewing the proposal the committee unanimously endorsed the resolution to include an overt International link on UC’s homepage.

Study Abroad Fee Proposal

The following comments and opinions were made after the committee reviewed the proposal.

Kurt Olausen, Director of International Programs, explained the following as outlined in the proposal: “Without additional resources, UC International Programs cannot provide the level of services demanded by a growing population of students and faculty interested in education abroad. In fact, further growth will necessitate a cut-back in services if additional sources of funding are not created.

Additional financial resources must be tied to the actual work being done, such that budgets can scale as UC International Programs continues to fulfill its mission to further increase international engagement.”

Larry Gales, Director of International Programs for the College of Business, opposed the fee both in an attached memo and verbally. Tuition and fees in the state of Ohio are currently frozen and any increase or addition to them is not allowed. The fee would not only violate the state of Ohio’s mandate, but go against the university’s current mission.

Mitch Leventhal explained that originally said proposal was to be a participation fee attached to each study abroad experience. A flat fee and a tier system were discussed. After several models were drafted, a flat rate application fee of $150 that wouldn’t feed into the general fund turned out to be the most advantageous. He then explained that UC International investigated several other funding methods before deciding to impose a fee on students. This included tacking on two dollars to general fees that would then comeback to UC International. Last year a new funding model was approved for study abroad, but was cut at the very last minute because people didn’t actually understand the financial implications. If this fee went into place UC International Programs could do more for individual colleges and international work could be centralized.
Larry Gales explained that operations should continue as they are and work should not shift centrally to UC International programs. He then added looking into performance based budgeting. Mitch Leventhal explained this fee in essence is performance based budgeting as stated earlier: “Additional financial resources must be tied to the actual work being done, such that budgets can scale as UC International Programs continues to fulfill its mission to further increase international engagement.”

Aimee McLean, representative for the undergraduate student body, explained they are strongly against the fee. While they understand the importance of study abroad and UC International Programs, they would like funding come from somewhere else. She went on to say the undergraduate student body would like to see UC International Programs centrally funded, and likes the idea of a reallocation of, say, two dollars from the student activity fee that would go to International Programs.

Sara Dukić feels that this fee on top of the fees they already attached to their programs will deter student from studying abroad. Sara believes that the only way to make her program affordable would be to cover this added fee for the students from their account, which would be additional money from an already shrinking budget.

Dennis O’Neil also felt it would be a good idea to raise the general student fee by two dollars and turn that money over to UC International Programs. Mitch explained that the compact with the Governor prevents an increase in general fees.

Larry Gales urged that UC International Programs should solicit money from the university and should be centrally funded.

Many of the committee members were confused in regard to what fees are already charged per program to study abroad.

There was an informal vote taken. The clear majority supported the fee, with several outspoken parties in opposition, including representatives from the undergraduate students, College of Business and CCM.

Mitch Leventhal would like to push the proposal and issue with higher levels of administration. The following volunteers would like to be part of a working group:

- Nelson Vincent
- Larry Gales
- Aimee McLean
- Sara Dukić
- UC International Programs Staff

*Clarification regarding fee: Gayle Elliott, representing Professional Practice, was absent from the meeting. However, she subsequently pointed out that international co-op students should be exempt from this fee.*