IN ATTENDANCE:

Kurt Olausen       UC International
Ron Cushing       UC International
Jon Weller       International Admissions
Magda Szaflarski College of Medicine
Julie Muenchen College of Engineering & Applied Science
Charlie Schwartz International Admissions
Carol Olausen ELS Language Center
Dawn Fuller    University Relations
Kevin Grace      Faculty Senate
Jan Diegmueller Office of Budget Management – Finance
Cheryl Albrecht UC Libraries
Lee Armstrong Lindner College of Business
Margaret Hanson Graduate School
Gwen Roemer Lindner College of Business
Carl Dieso Housing & Food Services
Robin Lee College of Nursing (for Tina Weitkamp)
Frank Merendino International Admissions
Ryan Meyer UC International Programs
Sara Danner Dukiç College-Conservatory of Music
C. Stuart Baxter College of Medicine
Dennis O’Neill McMicken College of Arts & Sciences (Asian Studies)
Mary Watkins UC International
Gila Safran Naveh McMicken College of Arts & Sciences (Judaic Studies)
Jeff Guo College of Pharmacy

CALL TO ORDER – WELCOME

INTRODUCTIONS

UPDATE ON VICE PROVOST SEARCH

- Airport interviews are beginning this week. 10-12 candidates are being interviewed. The position should be filled by fall quarter. The final decision will be announced within 2 months.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT
• Regarding the substantial influx of Chinese students and the services we provide for them-
Recommendations are given for staff to help with central registration, expanding the ESL course
offerings to new students during their first year of study, and extra support for arrival activities
of new students. The total cost of these improvements is 362K, Ron has sought a number of
sponsors for this initiative and Jon is optimistic that the subcommittee will receive some
funding.
• In addition to the services Jon mentioned, A&S has voted to issue credit toward degree
completion for students taking ESL Courses.

UPDATES

INTERNATIONAL SERVICES

• 7 Regional Faculty Advisors recently submitted a report on India. All reports will be ready by
June 2012. The role of the Regional Advisors will be reevaluated once a new Vice Provost is
hired and new strategies will be developed for the future.
• The ISB Survey is available on the International Student Services website. ISB is a survey of
international students worldwide, implemented by I Graduate, gauging the international
student experience and institutional services for international students. 20 institutions in the US
participated in the survey for 2011. The report helps UC benchmark its progress and improve in
areas where we may be struggling to provide optimal service.
• On the ISB Survey UC scores well in several categories and students are generally satisfied, but
we continue to struggle in the perception of safety. Recommendations for improving perception
of safety among international students include; indoctrinating them into the university and
using them for multicultural events.
• Domestic students feel the same way regarding perceptions of safety on campus. One of our
ICM members was asked to sit on a campus safety committee with Chief Cureton. Ron Cushing
expressed his interest in participating on the safety committee, once space is available.
• Because ELS students are easy targets for perpetrators, Carol Olausen mentioned her efforts to
involve UC students in on campus security discussions and offer seminars on how to stay safe on
and off campus.
• Jon Weller mentioned that there is very little utilization of the Night Walk Program. This
information resulted from an International Admissions survey. Night Walk will take students
anywhere within one mile of campus and could be useful for international students.
• One of our ICM members is an active Neighborhood Watch Committee member for the Clifton
Gaslight District. She has been a part of conversations with the Cincinnati Police Department to
reallocate the responsibility of patrolling. Surrounding areas around UC’s campus are split up
into districts and CPD is reallocating the responsibility so that patrolling is more concentrated.

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

• Faculty Development grants resulted in 11 new programs in Fall Semester, spread out among UC
colleges and departments.
• We had 187 applicants for the Fall Semester grant round.
• International students have discovered that they can study abroad and apply four our grant, but we cannot count a non US citizen in our official study abroad numbers. This year, we had 869 students studying abroad, if you include the international students our numbers were closer to 892.

INTERNATIONAL RECRUITING & MARKETING

• The ESL Program is expanding for next fall. International Admissions is helping to expand sections of existing ESL courses and creating new courses (i.e. American Studies 1&2, Understanding American Culture).
• Colleges (i.e. A&S) are allowing ESL courses to count toward degree completion.
• ESL is developing new courses in conjunction with the English Department, for example, ESL courses will count for ENGL1000, ENGL1001, these courses involve similar content, but the curriculum is geared toward ESL students.
• There has been tremendous growth in our 12FS enrollment, huge growth in confirmations, and housing applications. There was a 75% increase in conditional admissions. At this rate, IA predicts 100 percent growth in the international student undergraduate class for 12FS.
• 50 global scholarships have been offered for 12FS. IA is hoping this will result in increased confirmations.
• Regarding the processing of international student applications, the holistic application review process takes longer. The delayed offers makes UC less competitive if other institutions can make an offer sooner. International students expect application turnaround to be instantaneous. IA has increased manpower in processing applications to help accommodate this expectation and hopefully increase the number of offers accepted.
• The International Ambassadors Program – Current international students are commissioned to befriend the applicants prior to their arrival. This is accomplished by skyping with colleges around the world. The program has been successful.
• There is a significant increase in applications from Vietnam, from 6 to 40. Nepal and Sri Lanka applications are also on the rise.
• Carl Dieso - There are 50 – 60 international students signed up for housing. This time last year there were about 10. It is difficult to find beds for international students in the summer, so early applications are greatly appreciated.
• Regarding the development of new programs, it would be helpful to know where the interest is. Currently, we have 100 applications from Iraq this year, up from 0 last year.
• Jon credits the expansion of Spencer Utt’s focus throughout Southeast Asia to the increase in applications from that region; there is an ELS office in Ho Chi Minh City which has helped with making connections.

REGIONAL CAMPUS SUBCOMMITTEE

• There are no reports.
ELS LANGUAGE CENTER AT UC

- Carol’s ELS program is growing and occupying several buildings on campus. They now have a back-up ELS center in Columbus that is willing to take overflow. Carol has 60 application for 12FS of which 59 are from China.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ryan Meyer, there are 12 short term study abroad students coming in Fall on the Visiting Students Program. The students are studying in DAAP, CEAS, and COB. Many are coming in the spring.

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