

International Committee Meeting – October 5, 2016

Begin: 2:05 pm

Attendees: Carol Motcyka, Sven Normann, Randell Doty, Denise Klinker, Maureen Keller-Wood, John Gums, Andrea Vargas, Adam Dzedzy

Minutes from the last meeting were approved by a quorum and order was called by Dr. Motcyka.

Ongoing Activities

SSAP applications - Dr. Doty reported on the data collected from the Short Study Abroad Program (SSAP) applications. 78 viable entries were collected, although 30 were incomplete. Dr. Doty has reached out to the students who have not completed their applications urging them to finish at their earliest convenience. The most popular programs were identified to be: PharmScan, PharmAustralia and PharmUK. With enough students, 4-5 programs could be filled (10-11 students per trip), extending the list to PharmItalia and PharmThailand.

- The newer programs (Australia and Thailand) both have in-country contacts who could provide assistance with the scheduling and other logistics for the respective trips. This should be taken into consideration when deciding which programs will be chosen for the year, as this can be an invaluable resource for faculty involved.

Before decisions are made regarding the trips that will be taken, the list of applicants will be first reviewed by Student Affairs to verify eligibility based on academic standing and then by the directors of each campus. Finally, the eligible students will be reviewed by committee members, with essay questions used to help identify problematic or exemplary applicants.

APPE applications – OEP has collected the applications for the 2017-18 year and forwarded to Dr. Doty who will review eligibility and availability based on rotation schedule. He will present the data to the committee once it is compiled.

- Two new locations have been added: Helsinki, Finland and Chiang Mai, Thailand. With Chiang Mai, it is proposed that two students will visit Thailand for a month and then two students from Thailand will visit the US during the following month.

New Business

International Week Update – Dr. Nissen's travel accommodations for her visit during the week of November 14 have been prepared, but a date still needs to be identified for meetings with select faculty members and a faculty seminar.

IPSF Update – Dr. Normann discussed three updates from the IPSF. First, a few students have expressed interest in attending the Humanitarian Health Conference in March (previously called Exploring Medical Missions, [link here](#)). Dr. Normann spoke highly of this event, and registration and travel expenses will be covered for two students. Second, Dr. Normann met a young pharmacist from Argentina who set up the first IPSF chapter in his country and shows great potential in the field. It is hoped that he will visit our campus in the near future to share his experiences with students and faculty. Lastly, questions about Doctors without Borders have been brought up recently and Dr. Normann found seven pharmacists from around the country who have participated in the program. We hope to invite one to visit and speak about their experiences.

Old Business

Students from Gifu, Japan – The trip last week went very well with our visitors from Gifu, including several students and a pharmacy graduate who teaches in Japan. During their visit, they were able to attend and participate in several classes including a skills lab and poster presentation. Outside of the classroom, they were guided around town to experience some of the culture of Gainesville, including sporting events, dining and museums. Gifu University is very interested in reciprocating with opportunities for our students to visit in the future.

End: 2:55 pm