

International Committee Meeting – November 30, 2016

Begin: 2:05 pm

Attendees: Carol Motcyka, Sven Normann, Randell Doty, Sarah Carswell, Maureen Keller-Wood, John Gums, Hendrik Luesch, Stephan Schmidt, Andrea Vargas, Adam Dzedzy

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

Sven's Report

Global Health Outreach Trips – Students are currently raising funds along with their peers in the College of Medicine for the Global Gala in the spring.

- There is a pre-departure meeting scheduled during the first week after the holiday break. Some students have mentioned that they cannot make it and a course of action will need to be discussed with faculty to determine how to handle this, as the meeting is mandatory for all who are traveling.

Randell's Report

International education week success – Dr. Nissen's visit was a success, including two seminars and a panel discussion, meetings with many people to discuss potential collaboration in distance learning and online programs, and attending the Active Shooter training session as an evaluator (particularly engaging as she also works in paramedicine).

- While the student seminar had a great attendance, the faculty seminar only had three people show up, including Drs. Doty and Normann.
- There was a discussion about increasing awareness of International Education week
 - o International Education week does not have as much presence at the distance campuses as it does on main campus. It was suggested that specific events per campus could be established or alternative ways to advertise the events and incentivize students to participate (making events co-curricular activities, pot-luck event, etc.) could be implemented.
 - o Additional presentations from students participating in Short Study Abroad programs and international graduate students could help bolster the existing schedule of events.
 - o Next year's speaker is already being planned, with Martin Henman from Trinity College in Dublin as the potential visitor given his involvement with the SSAP. Committee members should send suggestions to Dr. Doty.
- It was proposed that the posters from past International Week presenters be hung somewhere in the College. This would provide a historical perspective as well as create increased visibility for the program. The committee agreed that it should be pursued further.

Current status of SSAP student and faculty selection – The International Center has been notified of the students currently scheduled for each program. The programs for PharmUK, PharmScan and PharmItalia are full, but the PharmAustralia trip is still in progress (some students had to decline due to family reasons, cost, etc.)

- Faculty who have previously participated in the SSAP were invited to join again and several expressed interest, including Katelyn Dervay, (PharmUK), Doug Covey (PharmScan), Alex Ebied, (PharmItalia), and Dr. Doty or Dr. Normann (PharmAustralia).

- Budgets are being worked on and will be submitted within the next week. The complete budgets should be available by February. Sarah mentioned that financial aid has shifted, allowing for more funds to be available to students.
- New ways of advertising these opportunities were discussed, such as posters in the common areas (as other colleges have done recently, such as the Grenada poster currently outside of the Student Affairs office) and digital announcements on screens in the MDL and/or front page of the website. Dr. Doty found out that the latter would be relatively simple to do and could also be applied at the distance campuses in rooms with similar equipment. This will be discussed at the next executive council meeting.

Advertisement for Global Gator – The Global Gator event will be held from June 16-17 in Dusseldorf.

- There was a discussion about how far the advertising for this event reaches. This could be offered to select students (e.g., those who have been involved in international programs), all faculty and all alumni if they are not being invited already. This would need to be discussed with Dr. Derendorf, as a larger response would dictate potential logistical changes (increased venue size, transportation, etc.)

Possible collaboration with St. Johns COP International Programs – St. Johns College has an international program in Italy, with classes in session year round and full-time faculty in Italy. Their entire program lasts six years, as opposed to two years of pre-pharmacy work prior to entering the four year program.

- This may be an interesting opportunity for pre-pharmacy students, since the prerequisite courses would be offered within their six-year program. There is a potential curricular issue though, as the coursework and credit must be transferable to UF for this to even be considered.
- St. Johns College already has existing links with the Warrington Business School. It may be best to contact someone from the business school to find out more about their connection.

End: 2:50 pm