

International Committee Meeting – September 7, 2016

Begin: 2:00 pm

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

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

Ongoing Activities

Dr. Doty received no comments regarding the calendar for activities so it should be finalized soon. He and Andrea are working with IT to create a shared calendar or task list for the calendar.

New Business

Dr. Normann reported that UF COP was one of the largest delegations to attend the World Congress in Zimbabwe last month, and 4PD Jessica Rodiles was appointed as the chair of the Pan-American committee at the WHO conference in Geneva.

The IPSF will hold more regular meetings this year. Dr. Normann will serve as the overarching advisor, working with the individual advisors at each campus.

The head of PediaGator at the Gainesville campus told a Jacksonville student that coordination between campuses may not be feasible and having only one chapter would be difficult. Sarah Carswell said she would look into this and try to resolve the issue.

Old Business

Global Health Outreach programs: Faculty will look at the academic standing of students during the fall semester to determine their eligibility for participation in the spring, allowing 1PDs to be appointed and then reviewed prior to the trip. 2PDs and 3PDs can be appointed as team leaders over the summer.

- There was a discussion about the use of GoFundMe and other fundraising tools used by students for trips such as these. A concern was expressed regarding students (unintentionally) misrepresenting the purpose of their campaign by using their status. For example, “traveling with UF Pharm.D. program to provide medicine to those in another country” can be construed as donations being used to fund the purchase of medicine or other trip expenses rather than for the student’s expenses. This can create an ethical issue, as the funds will not be fully accounted for and can be used for solely personal gain for the student. It was decided that guidelines need to be put in place in order to properly account for their use and benefit to the student.

Short Study Abroad programs: the locations of the trips will be determined based on the application responses. Applications are being collected and date from these should be available prior to the next meeting (deadline for submission is October 4).

- An interdisciplinary approach to these trips was discussed as a collaborative effort with the College of Nursing (or other health-related college). It was decided that this may not be a good idea due to the increased size in students traveling allowing for less control over the group by attending faculty members. The committee agreed that discipline-specific faculty members tend to keep better control over a smaller group and are able to maintain the focus of the trip.

International Week (11/14 – 11/19): Australian speaker Lisa Nissen will be presenting and an IPSF panel will also present on programs available. Bringing in non-faculty pharmacists to discuss their experience on trips abroad with the college was also discussed as an option.

SSA students visiting UF: Students from Gifu, Japan will be visiting from 9/14 – 9/20 and participating in a variety of areas such as a course taught by Steve Smith and Skills Lab sessions. The committee was asked to provide any additional ideas they had to include during this trip to enhance the experience for these students.

- Dr. Doty and Dr. Klinker are working with OEP to bring students from Chiang Mai, Thailand in the future.

End: 2:45 pm