

International Committee – November 20, 2019 – 2 - 3 PM

Begin: 2:00 pm

Attendees: Carol Motycka (chair), John Gums, Hendrik Luesch, Jenny Lo Ciganic, Teresa Cavanaugh (ex-officio), Randell Doty (ex-officio), Sven Normann (consultant), Rich Segal, Adam Dzedzy

Thai Consortium discussion

The committee welcomed International Education Week guest speaker Surakit Nathisuwan to attend this meeting to discuss the past, present and future for the Thai Consortium. Dr. Nathisuwan is a graduate of the UF PharmD program and is currently an Associate Professor at Mahidol University in Bangkok.

Dr. Doty began by giving a brief history of the Thai Consortium. It began in 1994 and was one of our first international initiatives. Eight Thai universities and nine from the US established a formal link, on an institutional basis, to enhance the academic, research and clinical programs of Thai pharmacy schools. These schools would send recent graduates or junior faculty to the US for training and they would return home to take on leadership roles. UF has welcomed several Thai pharmacists over the years and the program has been a great success overall, having increased its membership to 18 Thai and 16 US pharmacy schools.

The Consortium hosts on a conference every two years, alternating locations between the US and Thailand. The next event will be held from June 7-9, 2020 in Chiang Mai. Dr. Doty has attended the past few events and hopes to bring a larger contingent from UF going forward.

In recent years, UF has not sent many students or faculty to Thai schools outside of students visiting on APPE rotations, but we plan to explore ways to promote such opportunities, such as during the monthly PharmTalks held by the college, as revisiting past efforts such as the Short Study Abroad program.

End: 3:00 pm