

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

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SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVES

The International Programs Committee (IPC) held seven meetings during the 2013-2014 academic year, in which it addressed a number of topics related to the IU School of Education's international initiatives. The following are summaries of the Committee's key activities.

International Programming

Breakfast Clubs. Linda Hanek planned two Breakfast Clubs during the fall semester. The goal of the breakfasts was to connect instructional consultants with the students and more generally promote a sense of community. She invited international graduate students, visiting scholars, and special guests. The SOEGSA leadership attended as well.

International Education Week

International Education Week (IEW) took place during the week of November 11th. The event was well attended by students and faculty. Some of the activities included a poster session to showcase students' international work and an informational meeting by Peace Corps volunteers. The committee brainstormed several suggestions for next year including the following: having the event in October or just one day in the middle of the week; invite more guest speakers; improve marketing strategies through classes, such as inviting classes to the speaker events to increase attendance; consider asking faculty to allow for extra credit opportunities for students to attend IEW activities.

Visiting Scholars

Visiting Scholars Website. One of the new components of the webpage this year is visiting scholar profiles. As of March, there are 2 new scholars featured on the website. Linda Hanek is in the process of using a new template to email profiles out to faculty. Once completed, the profiles will go out, as there are over 9 new photos and interviews completed.

Visiting Scholars' Reception. The IPC and the Dean's Office have collaborated to organize a bi-annual reception for visiting scholars. The fall reception took place on Thursday, December 5th, 2013 and the spring reception took place on Friday, March 7th, 2014. The receptions were a success; the scholars enjoyed them.

Visiting Scholars Procedures. The committee worked with Conney Freese-Posthuma concerning the language describing expectations for hosting visiting scholars. There are different models for expectations for visiting scholars and she would like the members to indicate what is minimally required. Conney Freese-Posthuma plans to bring the procedures for visiting scholars to the committee in the 2014-15 academic year.

IPC Collaboration Efforts

Critical Dialogues on Global Dimensions of Education Conference. Meagan Call-Cummings is facilitating the Critical Dialogues on Global Dimensions of Education Conference, which will take place in October 2014. The goal of the conference is two-fold: 1) act as a showcase for graduate student work in the region and 2) act as a showcase the SoE programs. The committee provided advice with marketing strategies and potential funding opportunities for the conference. Members Deb Hutton and Patty Kubow promised to work with Meagan to further assist with funding.

International Partnerships. The Office of the Vice President for International Affairs requested that all IU units designate a high-level person for communications and unit level vetting regarding international partnerships. Dean Gonzalez named Executive Associate Dean Joyce Alexander to this position. She has already met with several faculty members about potential partnerships. Linda Hanek works with Joyce Alexander in providing information on procedures or partnerships that we already have.

CSSIE name change. The IPC voted on the name change, formerly known as CSSIE, to Center for International Education (CIE). At one of the approval levels, the name was changed to Center for International Education, Development and Research (CIEDR).

Peace Corps Prep Certificate

Rob Kunzman and IPC member Linda Hanek participated in a campus committee meeting toward an undergraduate Peace Corps Prep certificate, which will be hosted within the School of Global and International Studies (SGIS). Linda has met with several SoE faculty members in identifying which SoE courses need to be updated in terms of permissions to enroll. Included in the potential course list is a new course that Bradley Levinson developed for a separate certificate partnership with SGIS, "Schooling Around the World". They began with over 13 courses, and had to narrow it down to 7; emphasis is on methods for English as a second

language instruction, as Peace Corps development globally is 40% education/capacity-building related.

Recommendations for International Structures Within the SoE (discussion only)

Last spring, four students from Yonjoo Cho's class presented the results of a study commissioned by the IPC. The students presented on four components derived from their analysis: Political, Economic, Social and Technological (PEST) factors, Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) analysis, force field analysis and recommendations. The five recommendations were: 1) to place the IPC in charge of this issue of meeting international students' needs, carrying out the recommendations in this study and tracking the progress; 2) to strengthen existing resources; 3) to develop a discussion forum on SOE's website for international graduate students to use; 4) to build up the GWA program through creating an incentive program to draw a bigger volunteer base; and 5) to improve communications between students and IU.

Based on the recommendations from Yonjoo Cho's students, the committee spent several meetings discussing and coming up with suggestions for improving international structures within the SoE. Bradley Levinson drafted a proposal and this proposal was discussed and later revised by the group. Upon discussing this proposal, the committee agreed to task a subcommittee (David Rutkowski, Patty Kubow, Bradley Levinson, Laura Stachowski, and Linda Hanek). This committee will begin a dialogue with Dean Gonzalez with their first meeting scheduled for early May 2014.

Funding Opportunities

The IPC has a budget of \$9,000 from CIEDR. The members during this year the members agreed to spend \$495 to fund Laura Stachowski's registration fee for the NAFSA conference. Laura Stachowski will present on what she learned at the conference, at one of the fall IPC meetings. Next year, the IPC will discuss how they will spend the remaining funds.