

Minutes
Fifth Work Group meeting April 17, 2008
HSS 301

Attending: Daniel Cano, Guido Davis Del Piccolo, Gordon Dossett, Janet Harclerode, Nancy Grass Hemmert, Brandon Lewis, Georgia Lorenz, Miriam Mohr, Laurie MacQuay Peninger, Dawn Murphy, Peggy Kravitz, Alex Rosales, and Toni Trives. Guests: Karin Costello and Jim Urmston

Research Proposal (to Aid Integration of International Students)

Janet proposed that a small group of faculty (maybe eight) conduct a lit review on strategies to promote integration of international students. The group could also consider various strategies used on the campus. Possibly participants could receive a small stipend (maybe \$150). Nancy said her dissertation ties into this kind of project. Alex said that she might be able to provide a list of faculty consisted recommended by international students to appear at the year-end banquet; such a list might give a sense of faculty that international students find successful.

Focus for this meeting: Fulbright and Faculty Exchanges

Karin Costello presented the results of an email survey. She suggested that students would benefit from having a roster of experiences and that the Corsair might profile Peace Corps participants, for example. Such a roster might provide speakers for the community and classroom. Further a panel of Peace Corps or Fulbright participants might present accounts of their experiences to the campus. The Professional Development Committee might explore ways of promoting Fulbrights. Toward the end of the discussion, the group felt that we might conduct another survey that would create a searchable database. Students and faculty might be able to search, for example, faculty who lived in Turkey, or who worked for the Peace Corps in East Timor.

Update on the Latin American Education Program

Brandon outlined the developments planned for winter and spring. The group suggested that he pursue exchanges with Merida, Galen and a university in Argentinian—not restrict the search to just one institution. The proposed schedule of class offerings for winter and spring, 2009 is below:

Winter 2009 –Extended Yucatan Program (Belize and Guatemala)

Anthropology 3, Prof. Lewis, (World Archaeology)

Anthropology 4, Prof. Lewis, (Methods in Archaeology)

Geography 7, Prof. Selby (Introduction to Environmental Studies)

Spring 2009 – Extended Yucatan Program (Belize, Mexico, and Guatemala)

First 8 weeks

Speech 6, Prof. Grass-Hemmert (Fundamentals of Small Group Discussion)

Speech 7, Prof. Grass-Hemmert (Intercultural Communication)

Art 9, Prof. Urmston (Mexican Art History)

Art 30A, Prof. Urmston (Beginning Water Color Painting I)

Spring 2009 Break – Belize

Service Learning Project, Prof. Grass-Hemmert & Prof. Davis del Piccolo

Spring 2009 – Extended Yucatan Program (Belize, Mexico, and Guatemala)

Second 8 weeks

Sociology 1, Prof. Davis del Piccolo (Introduction to Sociology)

Sociology 34, Prof. Davis del Piccolo (Racial and Ethnic Relations in American Society)

History 5, Prof. Flores-Marcial (History of Latin America 1)

History 6, Prof. Flores-Marcial (History of Latin America 2)

No meeting on April 24.