

Global Citizenship

Global Council Minutes

Thursday, November 12, 2015

11:25 am to 12:15 pm

HSS 251

Council Members Present:

Gordon Dossett, Chair
Liz Koenig
Alexandra Tower
Toni Trives
Catherine Weir

Council Members Excused:

Kelley Brayton, Vice Chair
Jose Cue
Lauren Movius
Nancy Grass

Others Present:

Poliana Raymer
Rachel Petrocelli
Peggy Kravitz
Carol V Davis
Delphine Broccard
Janet Wolf

I. Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 11:25 am

II. Public Comments:

- a. Alexandra Tower commented that the events offered on the International Education Week flyer might not draw the attention of International Students at SMC but appeal more to the resident students. It was further pointed out that there are two events on Tuesday at the same time and two events on Friday, but no events on Monday or Wednesday. Gordon Dossett said that the main event is the Festival on Thursday which is traditionally very well attended. Many departments such as Modern Languages will have booths at the Festival as well as the International Student Forum which is the largest club at the school.

III. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of October 29, 2015 were approved.

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IV. Announcements/Updates

- a. Dr. Guillaume Roels talk
Gordon Dossett reported on the event on November 5th featuring Dr. Guillaume Roels who spoke on “Opportunities and challenges in Global Supply Chain Management. It is available on podcast for those who missed it.
- b. International Education Week
International Education Week is November 16-20, 2015. The activities planned for this week were discussed. Gordon Dossett said that that Global Motion is also presenting a dance program on Saturday and Sunday November 21-22, 2015.
- c. Deadlines for co-leader Latin America Program (12/3)
There was a discussion regarding the recruitment of faculty to co-lead Study Abroad programs especially for Latin America in summer 2016. The deadline for submission for Latin America is December 3, 2015. The council would like more interest from faculty in participating in these programs. The desired process would be to have one experienced and one non-experienced faculty leader on each trip in order to develop new leaders. Suggestions included providing more information about the minimum qualifications required, sending out the call for leaders earlier in the year, and possibly allowing spouses/families to accompany the leaders on the trips.
- d. Global Opportunity Grants (deadline noon on 1/8)
The differences between mini grants and the Global Opportunity Grants were discussed. Mini grants come with established specific criteria. The criteria for a Global Opportunity Grants have not yet been clearly established.
- e. Global Citizenship Subcommittee Meeting Thursday, December 5, 2015
Fostering Interaction between International and Resident Students

Liz Koenig, chair of the subcommittee, spoke about the meeting. The subcommittee set a short term goal and a long term goal.

1. Short Term Goal

The Language Exchange Program was selected as an area of short term focus. It is a successful program but is little known in the wider community. There was a suggestion to host a beginning and culminating event for participants in the program to be funded by a Global Grant. The events would be well publicized. It was pointed out that when such events were held in the past, many Chinese and other students were disappointed by the lack of native speakers to fill demand. So the subcommittee discussed making it a language and cultural exchange program and reaching out to other departments (i.e. art, music, business, history) as there may be

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resident students interested in the culture but not necessarily the language of other countries.

2. Long Term Goal

As a Long Term goal the subcommittee would also build on existing programs.

Ideas included:

- i. Interactions between school clubs such as ISF and UNICEF
- ii. Linking ESL students with other classes and/or students in joint activities
- iii. Integrate assignments into existing classes that involve resident student and F-1 student interaction
- iv. An activity to be held during International Education Week
- v. Provide incentives for students that would be presented at a cumulative event
- vi. Pairing peer mentors, ESL, and/or Study Abroad students with F-1 students
- vii. Plan events around topics of cross-cultural interest such as K-Pop music and video games
- viii. Team building events modeled on team building exercises used in the business world

V. Action Items

(a) Proposals for Global Opportunity Funding

1. Rosa Moreno-David Burak and Kiersten Elliot

The proposal to bring speaker Rosa Moreno to SMC in early spring was discussed. A motion was made by Toni Trives and seconded by Rachel Petrocelli that \$500 be granted to this proposal contingent to the approval of fiscal services.

2. Japanese Team Debate Tour-Nate Brown

The proposal to host the Japanese Debate Team tour was discussed. There as overall support of the proposal. Discussion included the overall cost of the trip which was many felt was too high and if we should ask them for a revised budget. Also there is the uncertainty about the legality of funding such a proposal. It was decided to table the proposal until the next meeting on December 3, 2015 at which time we hope to have settled legal and fiscal issues.

VI. Adjournment

The Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.

The next meeting will be December 3, 2015, 11:15-12:35 in HSS 301.