

Global Citizenship

Global Council Minutes

Thursday, December 10, 2015

11:15 am to 12:15 pm

HSS 301

Council Members Present:

Gordon Dossett, Chair

Jose Cue

Liz Koenig

Lauren Movius

Alexandra Tower

Nancy Grass

Toni Trives

Catherine Weir

Council Members Excused:

Kelley Brayton, Vice Chair

Others Present:

Jenny Merlic

Cesar Rubio

Rachel Petrocelli

Peggy Kravitz

Carol V Davis

Erika Macke

Janet Wolf

I. Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 11:15 am

II. Public Comments:

- a. Student Erika Macke was present for the first time at a council meeting. Gordon Dossett had each person present introduces themselves. Ms. Macke she was interested in finding out more about the Global Council.

III. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of November 12, 2015 were approved after minor changes in spelling.

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IV. Chairs Report

a. Spring Field Studies

We are close to advertising and opening the applications to England and South Korea Study Abroad programs for Spring Break pending the finalization of pricing. It was pointed out that the stipend for these trips is split between faculty leaders if more than one faculty leader goes on the trip. Many felt the compensation is too low to attract new faculty to apply in the future. Ms. Tower mentioned that some departments offer study trips to other countries outside of the Global Citizenship Study Broad program. These other trips do not qualify for Global Citizenship scholarships.

b. Around the World in 80 books

This is an idea started in England where people accept the challenge to read 80 books, each from a different county usually during a specific time frame. Gordon Dossett suggested we might be able to incorporate this idea at SMC. The Global Council might fund a program of buying 80 books for the library all set in different countries. Ideas were discussed about how to get students involved such as nominating book choices and participating in challenge contests with prizes. This program would need a faculty/administrative volunteer to organize it.

V. Action Items

(a) Global Opportunity Grant Presentation-Anita Sarkeesian, Gender Equity and Popular Culture-L. Movius and N. Grass

1. The proposal is to provide a \$5000.00 honorarium to Speaker Anita Sarkeesian to come to SMC on March 9, 2016 for a 60 minute talk and one class visit. Ms. Sarkeesian is a SMC Alumna. She is a media critic and her work focuses on deconstructing the stereotypes associated with women in popular culture and issues regarding harassment of women online and in gaming spaces. She is highly sought after speaker and her average fee is \$12,000.00. Due to her popularity she should draw a large audience. Her area of specialty ties into the Global Citizenship annual theme: "Gender Equity, is it enough?" A motion to support up to \$5000.00 was made by Liz Koenig and seconded by Alexandra Tower. The motion was approved.

(b) Latin American Study Abroad

1. Alexandra Tower-Botany 1

Professor Tower was a faculty leader on this trip in Summer 2015. She has travelled extensively in Latin America. The region has a wealth of plant life and trees and is the perfect outdoor laboratory for the study of botany. The archeological sites visited on the trip are isolated and getting to the sites allows access to rare and interesting plant specimens. Her experience last year would be valuable in dealing with personal issues

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that may arise with students. She was asked if she would make a two year commitment to possible lead the trip next year and she said yes.

2. Cesar Rubio – Business 1

Professor Rubio teaches in the Business Department. He is also a CPA. He speaks fluent Spanish. The core principles of Business 1 would be taught I the first two weeks on campus. In Belize and Guatemala the student would visit local businesses to compare and contrast their cultures and business practices with those I the United States. Hew would like to somehow have an online component to the class. He was asked if he would make a two year commitment to possibly lead the trip again next year and he said yes.

3. Recommendation of support

- a. The following attendees left the meeting after the presentations: Peggy Kravitz, Jose Cue, Alexandra Tower, Carol Davis, Cesar Rubio and Erika Macke.
- b. The remaining attendees discussed the proposals. Discussion items included:
 - How the environment and archeological sites of the region lend themselves to a class like Botany and provide a rich platform for field study.
 - It would be interesting to bring a new subject like Business 1 to the program to provide variety and maybe increase interest from faculty in other departments and students not majoring in life sciences to consider applying for the trip.
 - The logistics of using computers and online courses in this region would be problematic.
- c. The Global Council was polled. A motion was made by Catherine Weir to recommend the proposal by Alexandra Tower-Botany 1 to Academic Affairs. The motion was seconded by Toni Trives. The motion passed.

VI. Adjournment

The members of the Global Council wish to express their condolences to Vice Chair Kelley Brayton upon the recent passing of her mother.

The Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.