

Global Citizenship

Global Council Minutes

Thursday, March 23, 2017

12:45 pm – 2:05 pm

HSS 301

Council Members Present:

Gordon Dossett, Chair

Kelley Brayton, Vice Chair

Catherine Weir

Liz Koenig

Peggy Kravitz

Delphine Broccard

Carol Davis

Council Members Excused:

Jose Cue

Nancy Grass

Others present:

Sophia Monasebian, Janet Wolf

I. Public Comments:

Kelley Brayton informed the Council that SMC has now received two awards this year for Global Citizenship achievement, the Paul Simon Award and the IIE Heiskell Award. On Thursday, March 30th, journalist, Charlotte West, will be visiting SMC to speak with President Jeffery, members of the Global Council, and other pertinent parties regarding the Paul Simon Award.

II. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of March 9, 2017 were approved.

III. Chair's Report

Gordon Dossett, Delphine Broccard, and Toni Trives went to Miami for the IIE Heiskell Award ceremony and conference held at Florida International University.

NAFSA will hold its annual conference in Los Angeles in May. Catherine Weir will be hosting a group of international visitors from the conference at SMC for one day on May 30th.

Catherine Weir shared that on her recent recruitment trip to Indonesia, Hong Kong, and Malaysia she was hearing from students and advisors that the recent climate in US politics regarding immigration is a point of concern for prospective students who might choose Canada or Australia as alternate locations for study abroad.

Hong Kong Community College will be bringing a group of 25 students to Los Angeles this spring. They would like to meet with SMC students during their visit.

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IV. Action Items

a. Research Symposium

At this time there are 14 entries from 9 students. Applications end on March 31st. Council members gave suggestions for further marketing such as posting on the TV in the Cafeteria. Council members were solicited to help with the judging of projects by acting as the point person for a specific category.

b. Theme

Ideas for a new Global Citizenship theme for 2017-2019 have been solicited from the SMC Community and will be accepted until Friday, March 31st. At the next GC meeting on April 6th, the council will select its top choice which will be forwarded to the Academic Senate.

c. Global Experience and Interest Survey

The council reviewed the proposed online survey and made suggestions which will be forwarded to Institutional Research. These suggestions included: providing a better statement of purpose at the beginning of the survey, pull down menus for designation of countries and other responses, a process for determining language ability which can be very subjective if left to the person taking the survey, and the input of time spent in other countries.

V. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:55 pm

Next meeting is Thursday, April 6, 2017 at 12:45 pm in HSS 301