

Santa Monica College Global Citizenship Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: September 5, 12:45 pm – 2:05 pm

Location: SCI 251

Chairs: Alexandra Tower, Chair; Denise Kinsella, Vice Chair

Attendees: Alexandra Tower, Denise Kinsella, Carol Davis, Brandon Reilly, Nancy Grass, Laurel McQuay-Peninger, Heather Bennett, Scott Silverman, Sheila Laffey, Janet Wolf. Not Present: Pete Morris

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 12:45 pm. Alexandra Tower introduced the three new Committee members: Scott Silverman, Emeritus, Heather Bennett, History, and Laurie McQuay-Peninger, College Advancement

II. Public Comments

No Public Comments

III. Announcements

A. Tower: Going forward Meeting Agendas and Minutes will be created using new templates. Coastal Clean-up Day is September 21, 2019 from 9am-12pm. SMC is participating in this world wide event.

IV. Approval of Minutes

The Committee approved the minutes of May 23, 2019. Motion: D. Kinsella
Second: B. Reilly Approved: A. Tower, D. Kinsella, C. Davis, B. Reilly, L. McQuay-Peninger, and H. Bennett. Abstain: D. Broccard, S. Silverman

V. Standing Business

a. Study Abroad

- i. The Catalina program will cost \$800 per student and will open the week of September 9th. The minimum deposit required by each student to secure their place on the trip was reduced from \$500 to \$300. Eligible students will receive up to \$500 in scholarships to offset the remaining cost. Alex Tower is looking into using a Marine Biology Fund administered by the SMC Foundation to reduce the cost of the trip.

- ii. The Costa Rica program is open and accepting deposits. The minimum deposit required by each student to secure their place on the trip was reduced from \$1000 to \$650. Eligible students will receive up to \$1500 in scholarships to offset the remaining cost from the Global Citizenship Scholarship funds.
- iii. The Helsinki – Tallinn program is still in the planning stages, but the Committee agreed to set the deposit amount at \$650.
- iv. Summer 2020 faculty proposals are being accepted and are due on October 11th and will be reviewed on Oct 17th.
- v. Possible Winter 2021 study abroad programs were discussed. In 2015 and 2016 African Angel Tours was the vendor for the winter SMC Study Abroad program to South Africa. They have proposed a new program with 4 weeks SMC and 2 weeks in South Africa to reduce the cost per student. The application deadline for Winter 2021 faculty proposals is Dec 2nd and the Committee will review the Winter 2021 faculty proposals the December 5th meeting.
- vi. On previous Study Abroad programs group airfare was included in the cost to the student. This year the faculty for the Spring 2020 programs preferred to have the students purchase their airfare separately, which may reduce the overall cost to each student.

b. Global Grants

- i. Professor Sheila Laffey asked the Committee to amend the terms of her fall Green Screen Film Series. She requested that an additional \$163 be allotted to cover additional expenses for the screening of the film, Free Willy. Motion D. Kinsella to award \$163 to pay the increased expense of the Free Willy rental and screening license. Second: S. Silverman. Approved: A. Tower, D. Kinsella, C. Davis, B. Reilly, L. McQuay-Peninger, and H. Bennett, D. Broccard, S. Silverman.
- ii. As the Committee has three new members this fall, there was a discussion about Global Grants and the application process. The call for proposals for Spring Global Grants will be opened on September 9th. The Committee will review the proposals on November 21st.

c. Global Citizenship Symposium

The Global Citizenship Symposium will take place May 7, 2020. The Foundation has offered \$2000 in prize money. The Committee provided an overview of the Symposium for the three new Committee members. Ideas were discussed regarding the categories and the judging process. Ideas included: a sub-committee to sort student projects by category, recruitment of judges, marketing, and new methods to inform and encourage the promotion of the Symposium by SMC faculty.

VI. New Programs and Future Business Items

Due to time constraints items VII-New Programs and VIII-Future Business Items were postponed until the next Committee meeting.

VII. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: H. Bennett Second: C. Davis. Approved: A.Tower, D. Kinsella, C. Davis, B. Reilly, L. McQuay-Peninger, and H. Bennett, D. Broccard, S. Silverman.
Adjourned at 2:05 pm

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Next scheduled meeting: Thursday, September 19, 2019, 12:45 pm, SCI 251