

CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Minutes
October 29, 2010

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Center for Multicultural Engagement was called to order at 11: a.m. on 10/29/2010 in Sage 202 by Antonio Jiménez.

Present: Gary Berg, Will Berg, Susanna Brüggén, Tacey Burnham, Andrea Grove, Beth Hartung, Antonio Jiménez, Mayumi Kowta, Norma Maidel, James Meriwether, Luda Popenhagen, Eileen Rinde, Paul Rivera, Elnora Tayag.

A. Approval of Minutes

Minutes for October 1, 2010 meeting were unanimously approved.

B. Open Items

1. Report on October ACIP Meeting

- a.** Antonio gave a short report of the recent meeting of the Academic Council of International Programs.
 - i.** Of the 30 members, CSUCI has four representatives on the committee. Those representatives include: James Meriwether Beth Hartung, Jessica Cortez and Antonio Jimenez.
 - ii.** Two CSUCI faculty members have applied to become resident directors for programs in Italy and China.
 - iii.** Two new partnerships abroad at the system level are being considered. Tsukuba University in Japan and a “Learn Spanish Program” in Spain for students with no knowledge of the language. Two sites in Spain are being considered but no decision has been made as of yet.
 - iv.** Antonio gave an hour presentation regarding the results of a research study he conducted about the language development of international students while he was the Resident Director in Spain. His findings concluded that students are not learning as much of the language of their chosen country as was previously assumed. Advanced students improved the most, but intermediate and beginning students did not improve as expected.

2. Center Activities

- a.** Mayumi Kowta and Gary Berg gave updates on current activities and items of interest:
 - i.** The center has two new student alumni assistants: Jessica Cortez and Alexis Smith. They are currently holding information meetings and have recently completed their classroom visits.
 - ii.** Meetings have been held with the Zeppelin University exchange students to find ways to publicize this exchange opportunity for CSUCI students. Plans are being made for a “Novemberfest” activity in housing to be held during International Week.
 - iii.** Mayumi’s recent trip to India was very productive and well received. Great interest was generated for the MS biotechnology and Computer Science graduate programs. Some interest was shown for undergraduate programs but financial and Visa problems make it more difficult. They also visited Patel University in Mumbai and with advising counselors for The United States International Education Foundation in India.
 - iv.** Student interest in IP programs is high. A lot of students are attending the information sessions and inquiring about programs via email. Having two alumni assistants is a great help in promoting the programs and creating interest among the students.
 - v.** Gary Berg reported that Extended University will be adding an Admission and Records position which will have part responsibility for international admissions. This person will be trained in SEVIS and will do special sessions as well as state-side undergraduate admissions.

3. Review and approval of University 392 proposals

- a.** Concerns were voiced that faculty advisors should have in-country experience for the country they are proposing to travel. This would keep the courses educational and help ensure they are not just travel tours for the students.
- b.** It was also proposed that guidelines should be set as to the number of students who could sign up for a course. 15 students were suggested as a limit. However, this should be flexible depending upon the country to be traveled to and the activities scheduled.
- c.** Proposals for Japan, Spain, Paris, Vietnam and South Africa were unanimously approved.

4. International Week

- a.** The committee is beginning to meet to finalize plans for International Week events. Tentative events are as follows:
 - i. Susanna will give a presentation
 - ii. Panel discussion featuring our international students and those who have participated in Study Abroad programs to be held in the Student Union.
 - iii. Cultural Pride day in which students wear something to represent their cultural heritage.
 - iv. International film festival with different feature films each evening.
 - v. Student sponsored event in housing featuring “Holiday Traditions Around The World.”

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 12.00 p.m. by Antonio Jimenez. Next meeting time is to be announced.

Minutes submitted by: Tacey Burnham

Approved by: Antonio Jimenéz