**Minutes: Academic Senate Standing Committee on Internationalization**

Friday, March 26, 2010

Present: Oates, Orf, Peters, Schmidt, Shevy, Stunkard

Excused: Ball, Li, Mihalopoulos, Mowafy, Siles

Meeting was called to order at 11:07 am.

Agenda was approved.

Last meetings minutes were approved.

**Reports:**

**Chair Report**

* There was an All Nations Club article in the *North Wind*.
* The International Food Festival occurred.
* If anyone in your department wants to do Faculty-Led Study Abroad courses, have them get proposals in on time (soon).
* The Peace Corps will have a meeting on campus April 1, 6 p.m. in 3301 Hedgcock.
* The annual Indigenous Earth Issues Summit will take place on April 5th in the Great Lakes rooms. Ward Churchill will be the evening’s speaker.

**Executive Director of International Programs Report**

**N/A**

**New Business**:

1. Mentoring program for international Students with guest Rehema Clarken, Office of International Programs

* “The Buddy Program” will match domestic students with international students. The program is envisioned as inter-departmental, but the Business Department is currently the main focus because it has the most international students. International Programs is working with the Business Department to get more Chinese students through the 2 plus 2 program– possibly 20 new students per semester. If other departments are interested, they can get involved. If the program becomes big enough, it can become a university-wide program.
* A Wildcat Fund proposal has been submitted to support the buddy program. The group will start small and grow to include more students as it is refined. Initially, most of the domestic students will probably come from the Business dept (has 600 students) who have the same courses and professors as the international students. It would be ideal for the domestic buddies to be junior or seniors.
* The ideal would be to have lots of activities for the buddies to do together. There will be some one-to-one activities, but there will also be large group activities such as celebratory dinners at the beginning and end of the school year and monthly activities (coffee clutches) where buddies can get to know others as well. Attendance will be open so other students can learn about the program and get involved. Carol Steinhaus teaches an events planning course and will have her students contribute to the program.
* Schedule: There may be a small group in August, but it’s unsure whether all the arrangements will be ready.
* The Wildcat Fund would provide $8,000, which will fund the first year, but other streams of funding need to be found for the following years.
* Discussion: Perhaps requirements (e.g., time commitments, behavior, etc.) for domestic buddies should be explained ahead of time. There should be a screening process to determine who is allowed to become a buddy.
* Discussion: What incentives are there for getting students to volunteer? Some kind of course credit? Superior Edge credit? Resume material and great experience?
* Discussion: Could there be a physical space where international and domestic students can hang out? Is “Buddy” the best name for the program? (Think in terms of getting participants and how it will look on a resume. Also, it should be a name that places domestic and international students as equals.)

1. Conflict with meeting date – April 9

* We will meet on April 2nd rather than the 9th.
* The global studies recognition group will try to meet before April 2nd.

1. CUP report to Senate – March 23, 2010

* There will be a four-tiered system, where the highest tier includes world languages.
* Four credits of languages will be required by all honors students (in Division 5).
* COI voted to officially endorse the proposed changes regarding language requirements, especially since the report implements some of the suggestions we made. Unanimously supported.

1. Year –end Report

* Orf talked us through the report, asked for feedback, and made revisions.
* COI unanimously approved the report.

**Good of the order**

COI members should look at the Strategic Consulting report on internationalization so we can talk about it next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Mark Shevy, COI secretary