Faculty Senate Int Programs Cmte (FSIPC)
Meeting Minutes - Approved
February 26, 2010

Attending: Charlie Rader, Doug Johnson, Brent Greene, Pascal Ngoboka, Margaret Phinney, David Trechter

Missing: Dennis Cooper, Robyn Tiedeman, Alex Nelson, Tom Peterson

Guest: Marshall Toman

Chairs Report: None

New Business:

Fulbright Coordinator Discussion – Marshall Toman

Application for Fulbrights due Aug 2 with notification by Feb-May of following year. The Coordinator position is new on campus and Dr. Toman was appointed to the position in October. Dr. Toman discussed history of Fulbright applications on campus. One issue is campus may require person to give up health insurance coverage through UW-System if you are not an employee. It may be possible to offer the successful candidate a minimal appointment at UWRF to maintain coverage. Toman recognizes need to clarify salary, retirement payments, health and other benefits for successful Fulbright candidates.

Andy Riess from Fulbright Staff has been invited to campus for Q and A on April 14th. Will let people know if/when visit is confirmed.

There is also a grant program that will pay specialists (area or disciplinary) to come to campus to talk about the program.

There is a large split between faculty and student Fulbright program administration. Language fluency is big hurdle for student participation – they are mostly expected to have adequate language skills.

The committee could work on housing issues for visitors as a help to spurring Fulbright participation. Also need to clarify if this is a one-year position or on-going and what the selection process will be.

Chair’s Report. Study abroad risk taskforce looking to streamline handbooks and hope to have them to this committee this semester (last two meetings). Finding that there are more issues arising (e.g. how to handle students wishing to do study abroad as an independent study and the implications of this for risks assumed by UWRF). Expect there will be three parts: a program development handbook, an operations manual, and a student’s handbook. Will be addressing how study abroad programs will be vetted for rigor and quality.
International bazaar will be held April 6.

Association for International Development – scheduling brown bag lunches for most days the remainder of the semester. They will be held in Global Connections.

Minutes and agendas are up-to-date on website. Motion made for short-term study tour salaries will be sent to Faculty Welfare and Faculty Salary Committees. This would make salary payments consistent with summer session salaries. Global Connections has implemented this already.

Global Connections update – Jan 1, 2010 moved international student advisor to student affairs. This provides more comprehensive set of services (food, housing, etc.) for foreign students. Academic success center picked up Miho Patani, who works 25% with Language Institute. Admissions will be responsible for recruiting international students.

How Man Wong – approved for honorary doctorate up through UW-System President and hope to confer it at Spring semester graduation.

Malzacher and Semi going to Nicaragua on Tony Jilik and Jerry Nolte’s Farmer to Farmer project to try and improve the database available to farmers in that country for making decisions.

Zhejaing Ed Institute – Have sent Chinese language instructors to UWRF but this will be discontinued when Modern Language hires Chinese language faculty. Further, Zhejaing is no longer hiring BAs (which they sent here for MAs). Now want to explore different means of continuing relationship. UWRF now has two secondary ed candidates (TESOL) teaching at Zhejaing.

Study Abroad Partner Institutions – Southern Cross U (Lismore) visited campus for exploration re student exchange program. Dongguk (Korea) – signed two agreements, one to create a sister agreement allowing up to 5 students to be exchanged each way. Some of the curriculum is offered in English. Sang Hahn has provided UWRF with some funds that might be used to fund scholarships for this program.

2+2 Programs – getting periodic inquiries about this option but don’t really know to whom to present these opportunities. Is a good opportunity for attracting students who have already done some college work. Should probably have a strategic pairing based on what the campus wants to do as part of our overall campus plan.

Housing – this is a challenge for attracting faculty to campus. Looking at two apartments near campus that are currently unrented.

Will be meeting Tuesday afternoons, which are open on everyone’s calendars.

Moved to adjourn at 3:58 p.m.