

USA Council on International Education Meeting
October 28, 2008 – 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

School of Continuing Education and Special Programs Conference Room 114

Attending: Isabel Z. Brown, Peggy Delmas, Jim Ellis, Tom Hain, Woody Hannum, Russ Lea, Alex Sharland, Steve Morris, Samuel Russ, John Sachs, Julio Turrens, Vaughn Millner, Sara Majors

Absent: Maggi O'Brien, Lillie Samuels

Reviewed and approved (as amended): approved by email response by 2/20/2009 following meeting 2/17/2009

Jim Ellis as acting USACIE Secretary

Minutes from the previous meeting (9/2/2008) were reviewed and approved.

College Updates: College of Arts and Sciences (Brown/Morris) and College of Education (Delmas/Sachs) representatives indicated that there were ongoing discussions with their deans about incorporating internationalization priorities and “global” issues into the college strategic plans. Hain reported that there was discussion in CIS about an initiative to bring Chinese students (20) to USA. Turrens asked about the source of the initiative and raised questions related to the Chinese initiative reported by Joan Exline in a memo to the deans. Delmas reported that there were discussions with respect to a Chinese Masters level program. Ellis reviewed the Chinese initiative that was under discussion between OIE, ESL and USA enrollment services.

Note: Three separate China initiatives appeared to have been under discussion in the Fall 2008 semester with diverse conversations taking place. Email of 10/27/2008 by Dr. Exline related to an ACHE planning meeting regarding “an idea being pursued by several other AL universities. 1-2-1 approach wherein international students take their first and last year of coursework with us and the two middle years in their home country.” This refers to the Troy University and AASCU China initiative. The second discussion was through USA Enrollment Services and ESL discussions with a Mr. Joe Wang, Infolink, who was developing a recruiting program for students from China (active with U. Minnesota and San Jose State Univ.). Additionally following this meeting in December 2008 the College of Education hosted Dean Cindy Chance from Georgia Southern University to learn more about global opportunities through the Sino-American Consortium which GSU is a partner and host.

Hannum raised the discussion of the role of IE, international students, etc. on the campus. During discussion it was suggested that representatives (Brenda Hinson) be invited to make a presentation to the USACIE. This led to discussion of the role of international student services, scholars and ESL on the USA campus as well as that of the USACIE. Millner recommended inviting Brenda Hinson to the next meet. Hannum recommended that the USACIE reflect on the role of the council and extended dialogue followed regarding the role. Sharland suggested that the USACIE needs regular reports from various operational aspects but expressed concerns about increasing the size of the council. Concerns about operational versus policy issues related to the council, OIE, reporting structures, representation, etc. were considered.

Millner recommended a subcommittee be formed to review the discussion and report back to the USACIE on the issues raised. By unanimous consent a subcommittee was formed with Stephen Morris, Vaughn Millner and Alex Sharland as members.

Ellis reviewed the recommended scholarship application process which was to be implemented for Summer 2009 applications following recommendations of the Dean of the College of Education. Colleges would have the option of providing specific support as part of the consideration process however lack of funding from the colleges would not prevent the USACIE scholarship committee from recommending awards to OIE based on available funds.

Morris reviewed the Global Focus Distinction Proposal to allow USA to recognize students with enhanced global experiences through SA, coursework and related activities. Morris reported on a preliminary inventory of Global/International related courses at USA as abstracted from the USA bulletin. Russ raised concerns about the impact of extra hours/load on students but thought this was a good idea and option for student to add to their degree activity. Each college was asked to look at the proposal and course inventory based on the college context and to report back.

Majors raised questions about Masters level requirements and framework for new courses, to bring information to the next meeting.

Committee members raised questions about how the USA “Global” components in Trac Dat mapped to the USA mission statement – Ellis to work on more information with the USA Institutional Research, Planning and Assessment office.

Meeting Adjourned, next meeting to be in late January or early February 2009.