

Minutes FCC-SCIE
Faculty & Curriculum Committee
Friday, 12 January 2007
10:00-1:00
Faculty Conference Room, Student Life Center
Macon State College

The meeting began at 10:00 with a review of the minutes from October 13, 2006. Minutes were approved with no revisions.

Attendance:

Dlynn Armstrong-Williams, North Georgia College and State University
Debra Denzer, Georgia Perimeter College
Olufunke A. Fontenot, Georgia College and State University, *Africa Council*
Jonathan Leightner, Augusta State, *Asia Council*
Neal R. McCrillis, Columbus State University, *Europe Council*
Bill Muggleston, Georgia Highlands College
Diane Brook Napier, University of Georgia
Dan Paracka, Kennesaw State University
Mark Patterson, Kennesaw State University, *Americas Council*
Nancy Shumaker, Georgia Southern
ReLiang Tsang, University System of Georgia, Office of International Education
Robert Welborn, Clayton State University
Dorothy Zinsmeister, Board of Regents

International Studies, Area F. Dr. Dorothy Zinsmeister, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs provided an explanation of the general framework for Area F that is provided by the various disciplines for majors in their areas. Area F consists of 18 hours of lower-division (1000-2000-level) courses related to the major or prerequisites to courses required in the major. Examples can be found at www.usg.edu/academics/programs/core_curriculum/areaf Not all majors follow the same format or level of specificity. Once students complete all the requirements for an Area at their home institution, the completed area will transfer to another USG institution.

Currently, there is not a general consensus of what an International Studies major should include in Area F. There is an example at the website but it has come from Georgia Southern and is not the product of system-wide collaboration. The FCC has been charged with surveying existing IS majors in an attempt to provide the kind of broadly recognized requirements recommended by other disciplines. This committee has been asked to report on these findings in part because there is no system-wide discipline committee and because there are an increasing number of minors in IS and an increasing interest in developing this major.

There was a lengthy discussion about the difference between the International Affairs and the International Studies major, with the conclusion that the committee would focus on

International Studies since International Affairs traditionally falls under the purview of political science. There was also discussion regarding the role of the FCC in this process and it was agreed that the subcommittee would gather information rather than make recommendations.

Dr. Zinsmeister also asked if members of the OIE FCC would be interested in adding their perspective to the upcoming discussion with educators and legislators of the role of foreign language learning in K-12, specifically whether foreign language should be required for a high school diploma. Those interested should contact her at 404-651-5342 or e-mail Dorothy.zinsmeister@usg.edu

OIE UPDATE

ReLiang Tsang gave an update from the USG OIE:

-Study Abroad Handbook for Program Directors has been put online at the OIE website under the Faculty and Administrators section. The handbook has detailed information on developing and managing study abroad programs and handles issues pertinent to USG institutions.

-Submissions for the **USG Online Study Abroad Catalog** are being accepted at any time for inclusion. Please remember to send additional approval forms if the study abroad program is a brand new submission. Approval is not required if a study abroad program is being modified in the database. Please contact Susan Pratt at OIE for information, assistance, and details.

-Study Abroad Business Procedures Manual is a collaborative work among the OIE, BOR Business and Fiscal Affairs office, and campuses to establish guidelines for financial management of study abroad programs. It is in the final stage of revision by the BOR.

-Study Abroad Committee (Jim Anderson, Chair) is working to put together a spring workshop which will most likely deal with Study Abroad and student mental health issues and/or behavior issues on programs. It will be in April 2007; specific date TBA. Please check the OIE calendar (on the website) or contact OIE for further information.

-Internationalizing the Campus (ITC) Grant-- OIE received 11 proposals for this grant and 4 finalists were chosen. Each finalist received a site visit; site visits took place the week of Dec 4-8. A recipient for the grant has been selected; letters of notification to finalists will be mailed today (Friday, January 12). Applicants who were not chosen as finalists were invited to participate in conference calls with OIE to discuss their proposal and ways to strengthen proposal. Conference calls occurred this week (Jan 8 -12).

-Faculty Exchange Grant cycle has yet to be determined, but will be posted on the OIE website, most likely at the end of January 2007.

-2006 International Briefing Book was published and distributed in November 2006. Distribution list includes VPAA, SCIE reps, USG OIE staff, staff of the BOR, all Regents, major media outlets (AJC, NPR, etc), and Consulates.

-The **next SCIE Meeting** is Thursday and Friday, January 25 -26 at Clayton State University. Thursday afternoon's meeting is for SCIE reps only; Friday's meeting is open to all USG faculty and staff interested in international education. If you wish to attend, please RSVP to Charu Goyle at USG OIE by Friday, January 19, 2007. An agenda will be e-mailed to all SCIE reps.

-Georgia Consortium for International Studies (GCIS) – The next faculty symposium is on Friday, March 16, 2007 at GPC, Clarkston campus. Please remember that 2006 recipients of Chancellor's Awards are required to participate in this symposium. 2006 recipients must submit a proposal, discussing how USG faculty development seminars will impact curriculum or classroom teaching. Mail or e-mail your proposal by Monday, January 15 to William Madden, Symposium Program Chair. Symposium participants must also submit a Registration Form by February 15, 2007. For more information, visit www.gacis.org (click on faculty symposium)

-BOR Strategic Planning Process – sessions are taking place within the BOR with campus representatives on working groups to help determine changes/revisions for the new strategic plan.

Faculty Development Seminars-Standardization Because of the time, Debra tabled discussion of the move toward standardizing the Chancellor Award Application and the Faculty Application forms. Drafts of the proposed forms are in the meeting packet and will be taken up at the next meeting.

Regional Council Reports included updates on the Faculty Seminars, 2007 and proposals for 2008.

Asia Council Dan Paracka provided a spreadsheet with the names of the applicants to the China/Korea seminar and a recommendation for Chancellor's Awards. After a brief discussion and minor adjustments to the criteria, the Chancellor's Awards were approved. See the attached spread sheet for the Asia Council.

Americas Council Mark Patterson reported on the applicants and Chancellor's Award recommendations for the Americas Council seminar to Argentina. Some minor adjustments to the criteria were made to provide consistency between the two seminars. The spreadsheet for these results is also attached. It was agreed that the Area Council chairs would send notification to the award applicants and that a formal letter from the USG OIE would follow.

Africa Council Olufunke Fontenot presented the Africa Council Faculty Seminar Proposal for 2008. She addressed several concerns, including the return to Nigeria and Cameroon (same destination as 2006); the safety of travel in Nigeria at present; the number of seminar leaders; the overall cost; and the academic content of the visits. Members of the Africa Council had agreed to return to Nigeria and Cameroon with a focus on different disciplines in an effort to build relationships there; the State

Department safety advisory addresses an area of Nigeria that is not included in the itinerary. It was agreed, however, that the AC would revise the proposal to include an additional leader, explore ways to lower the costs, and provide more detail of the on-site visits so that the connection to academics and professional growth would be more explicit.

Europe Council Neal McCrillis presented the Europe Council Faculty Seminar in Spain and Morocco Proposal for 2008. It was recommended that there be additional information regarding the content of the university lectures be provided, tying the objectives to the itinerary more explicitly.

It was agreed that Africa council and Europe Council will provide revisions to the 2008 Faculty Development Seminars to Debra Denzer by February 12, 2007.

Next Meeting: Friday, March 2, 2007, 10:00-12:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned: 1:00 p.m.