

Minutes
USG System Council for International Education
September 14, 2012

I. Call to Order and Attendance

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. The following representatives were present:

Akinyemi, Nuru	KSU	Lubecki, Jacek	GSoU
Anh-Hue, Tu	GSW	Mallory, Lisa	Atlanta Metro
Ayyk, Augustine	Clayton	Martinez, Daniela	NGCSU
Berthelot, Yves	Georgia Tech	McClellan, Irina	VSU
Biek, David	MSC	McCrillis, Neal	CSU
Bishku, Mike	Augusta	Mukhtar, Mohamed	SSU
Braun, Lauren	VSU	Naniuzeyi, Emmanuel	SSU
Bright-Ragland, Margee	GPC	Nelson, Dave	Bainbridge
Call, Dwight	GCSU	Nguyen, Ken	Clayton
Catmur, Robin	UGA	Osakwe, Nora	Albany
Da Cruz, Becky	AASU	Palumbo, Carmine	E. Georgia
Da Cruz, Jose	AASU	Pandit, Kavita	UGA
Darley, Maria	Augusta	Park, Cheryl	Gwinnett
Davis, Houston	BOR	Parkerson, John	Clayton
Davis, Libby	GCSU	Pinder, Anthony	Gwinnett
Doyle, Maria	UWG	Sashti, Raj	SPSU
Dubriel, Victoria	FVSU	Schaniel, William	UWG
El-Najjar, Hassan	Dalton	Smith, Danielle	GSoU
Elsawy, Ibrahim	KSU	Starling, David	VSU
Emily-Hall, Maggie	Albany	Strawn-Valcy, Iyonka	KSU
Gatewood, Jane	UGA	Tatlock, Jason	AASU
Goodall, Jared	VSU	Terry, Scott	BOR
Guo, Baogang	Dalton	Tuttle, Jessica	AASU
Keevy, Joline	SSU	Valderramos, Farryn	FVSU
Kirchdorfer, Ulf	Darton	Vargis, Salli	GPC
Laster, Kasee	UGA	Wilson, John	NGCSU

II. Introductions and Approval of Minutes

Representatives from each institution introduced themselves, including Linda Noble and Executive Vice Chancellor Houston Davis from the System Office. Minutes from the SCIE meeting on January 27, 2012, were approved unanimously.

III. Reports from SCIE Committees

- a. CISS: Libby Davis reported the committee will discuss the implementation of the United Health Care Student Insurance Plan. The CISS Committee also plans to review and discuss English proficiency tests, among them EIKEN (Japan), Michigan, and Pearson.
- b. Study Abroad: Kasee Laster reported during the afternoon meeting a new secretary will be elected and a study abroad workshop discussed, as well as a methods for disseminating information about study abroad.

IV. Updates from USG Councils

- a. Africa Council: The Council held a Morocco workshop during the summer in conjunction with the Middle East Council. The Southeast African Model Union simulation will be held at Savannah State University during November 8-10, 2012. Thanks go to SSU for hosting SEMAU. The Council has a website that is ready to be launched.
- b. Americas Council: The annual conference was held and will be held at Georgia Perimeter College.
- c. Asia Council: A "Teaching South Asia" workshop was held and will be held. The China study abroad program was a success with 42 participants. The Council now has a website. A new Secretary will be elected at its meeting.
- d. European Council: The Council programs have been successful with 289 participants last summer. A workshop for those teaching in 2013 has been held. A new 2-week program will be offered in Scotland during May 2013.
- e. Middle East Council: *Incorporating the Middle East into the Classroom* has been published based on contributions from USG faculty and past teaching workshops. A Middle East symposium was held, as well as a faculty seminar on Morocco jointly offered with the Africa Council.

V. Remarks by Executive Vice Chancellor Houston Davis

In addressing the SCIE, Executive Vice Chancellor Davis drew from his background to explain his strong support for bringing the international learning to students and faculty in a world that does not operate only within national borders. He noted that in his previous campus experiences, institutions often do not have enough "critical mass" to pursue campus internationalization on their own without external support or consortia. Davis suggested that the USG SCIE should consider what responsibilities and staffing they would want if a USG office for international education was created. What would the job description for the head of such an office? He emphasized the USG is looking to the SCIE for suggestions, in what is not a "top down" scenario. He thanked the SCIE, Linda Noble and others for keeping international education going without a USG office of international education. Davis also fielded a number

questions and suggestions including a request that the USG provide a charge of some kind to the SCIE before it develops a proposal for the USG international office.

VI. Preparations for USG International Education Initiative

The SCIE chair asked that the chairs of the 2 committees and 4 councils meeting in the afternoon begin discussing what kind of USG international office they would want, including what would be the kind of personnel and responsibilities. It was moved and unanimously approved that the SCIE Executive Committee develop a plan for an office of international education, including a description of the job responsibilities for any personnel. It was further agreed that if needed the SCIE Chair could co-opt 1-2 others into the planning process to ensure there was a broad representation of constituencies and perspectives.

VII. Remarks by Chancellor Hank Huckaby

Chancellor Hank Huckaby thanked the SCIE for its work in maintaining the SCIE and its work over several years without any USG office. All students, he added, must experience international learning as part of their higher education experience. The Chancellor also stated that he supported creating an USG international education office within 12-18 months.

He requested that the SCIE provide guidance to the USG as there is a “blank slate” right now. He asked the SCIE to provide a range of options for a future office of international education. He is also counting on larger institutions such as UGA, Georgia Tech and GSU, with their large number of experienced staff, to provide expertise to the USG.

Taking questions, the Chancellor continued to express his support while also pointing out the financial realities of the current economic climate. He stated that the BOR had unfortunately “walked away” from international education several years ago. Now the charge to SCIE is to create something from the blank slate. The Chancellor’s remarks were greeted with warm applause from the SCIE.

VIII. Scheduling of Next SCIE Meeting

The next SCIE meeting was scheduled for Friday, January 25, 2013.