

Minutes
USG System Council for International Education
25 January 2013

I. Call to Order and Attendance

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. The following representatives were present:

Anderson, Jim	AASU	Laster, Kasee	UGA
Ayyk, Augustine	Clayton	Long, Bronson	Ga Highlands
Baogang, Benn	SSU	Nikolov, Ivan	VSU
Bearden, Camille	UNG	Noble, Linda	BOR
Biek, David	MGSC	Palis, Jeff	GSoU
Bishku, Mike	Augusta	Parkerson, John	Clayton
Blair, Cele	Clayton	Smith, Danielle	GSoU
Braun, Lauren	VSU	Starling, David	VSU
Bright-Ragland, Margee	GPC	McClellan, Irina	VSU
Call, Dwight	GCSU	McCrillis, Neal	CSU
Catmur, Robin	UGA	Nguyen, Ken	Clayton
Darley, Maria	Augusta	Osakwe, Nora	Albany
Davis, Libby	GCSU	Schaniel, William	UWG
Doyle, Maria	UWG	Tatlock, Jason	AASU
Dubriel, Victoria	FVSU	Tuttle, Jessica	AASU
Emily-Hall, Maggie	Albany	Wilson, John	NGCSU
Gibson, Irma	Albany	Wynne, Carly	UNG
Guffey, Karen	Gordon		
Guo, Baogang	Dalton		

II. Introductions and Approval of Minutes

Representatives from each institution introduced themselves. Minutes from the SCIE meeting on 9 September 2012 were accepted as previously distributed.

III. Report from the Strategic Planning Ad Hoc Committee

- a. A committee was formed at last meeting from the executive committee with Bill Schaniel as an additional representative. It was tasked to create a strategic plan for developing an Office of International Education at the BOR.
- b. The committee met through conference calls and email and unanimously approved the draft which had been previously distributed to SCIE members and is presented today as the committee's recommendation.

- c. Two suggestions have been made by email. The first is to add “study abroad insurance” in section #2 under the heading “Provide support and guidance for campuses.” The second suggestion is change the main goal headings from numbers to “Priority #” so that it’s clear that these functions are in rank order of importance. Both changes were approved.
- d. It was noted that the Georgia’s development agency is a department not an office so the wording should be adjusted. A SCIE representative suggested that under #2 there should be wording to indicate the new BOR office would make recommendations for best practices in addition to sharing information. Both changes were approved.
- e. Another suggestion was that the planning document includes a short narrative to make clear the timeline of stages for development of the new office. The last change was approved and the whole document as amended was approved unanimously.

IV. Reports from SCIE Committees

- a. CISS: Libby Davis reported that the Georgia International Leadership Conference was a great success in part due to the financial support from the BOR. The CISS will be looking at the United Health Care Student Insurance Plan, particularly the waiver process. The committee also plans to review and discuss possible additional English proficiency tests for international admissions.
- b. Study Abroad: Kasee Laster reported that Bruce Holmes, Chief of Police at the BOR, will share results of a safety survey. There will also be elections for a vice chair. She also mentioned the value of the Forum for Education Abroad’s *Standards for Good Practice for Education Abroad*.

V. Updates from USG Councils

- a. Africa Council: The Council hosted the successful Southeast Model African Union at Savannah State in November. Thanks go to SSU for hosting SEMAU.
- b. Americas Council: The annual faculty and student research conference will be held in two weeks at Georgia Perimeter College.
- c. Asia Council: A “Teaching South Asia” workshop will be held 1-2 February at Georgia Perimeter. The China study abroad program has recruited very well for this year but the Korea program has been cancelled for 2013.
- d. European Council: The Council programs have been successful with London and Waterford already filled. A new 2-week program has been developed in Scotland for May 2013 to appeal to students at access institutions. The council will meet on 14 February.
- e. Middle East Council: A Middle East symposium will be held at Kennesaw State. A call for papers has been sent and the deadline is 1 March.

VI. Bylaws

The SCIE Bylaws approved in 2010 refer to 3 SCIE committees but the Faculty and Curriculum Committee was disbanded a few years ago. The bylaws need to be adjusted to reflect this change. Because a month's notice is required before any amendment of the bylaws, this change will be considered at the next SCIE meeting.

VII. Best Practices Regarding BOR Initiatives (Complete College Georgia and General Education Curriculum)

The SCIE Chair asked representatives what has been their experience with recent BOR initiatives, especially the Complete College Georgia. Is this or general education changes having a significant impact on international education? How is the general education "global overlay" affecting the international classes and programs on campuses? Many representatives were unaware of the initiatives. In response to a suggestion for an online discussion, the SCIE chair encouraged each representative to find out more about the initiatives on their campuses. It was also suggested in the context of Complete College Georgia that representatives review the Glossari Project (<<http://glossari.uga.edu>>) that was developed with USG student participation and which shows significant positive impact of study abroad on RPG, especially among at risk students.

VIII. Fundraising and International Fees

Some representatives asked about how to generate funds for study abroad and other international initiatives. A couple of representatives noted that they raise funds through their foundation. It's very important that these efforts be coordinated and approved by the institutional foundation but persistence can definitely pay off.

There were questions about international education fees on some campuses. The SCIE Chair indicated that from his experience, when the third CSU request for a fee which was approved by the BOR two years ago, it had been approved by student and faculty committees twice before. The final proposal also dedicated all funds to student programs and activities (no funds for salaries or support functions), and it was strongly advocated by the president. A couple of institutions with study abroad grants noted that the amount of the award should be calibrated to disburse funds to virtually all students as students without funding often won't apply or withdraw at a very high rate.

IX. Next SCIE Meeting

The next SCIE meeting was scheduled for Friday, 6 September 2013.