

Minutes
USG System Council for International Education
6 September 2013

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	Loftis, Cori	BOR
Baogang, Benn	SSU	Long, Bronson	Ga Highlands
Bearden, Camille	UNG	Malik, Ravindra	Albany
Biek, David	MGSC	Mallory, Lisa	Atlanta Metro
Bishku, Mike	GRU	Mukhtar, Mohamed	SSU
Blair, Cele	Clayton	Nikolov, Ivan	VSU
Blough, Suzy	GGC	Palis, Jeff	GSoU
Braun, Lauren	VSU	Palumbo, Carmine	East Georgia
Bright-Ragland, Margee	GPC	Park, Cheryl	GGC
Brown, Jeff	Ga Highlands	Phipps, Amanda	UNG
Catmur, Robin	UGA	Pinder, Anthony	GGC
Cibirka, Roman	GRU	Starling, David	VSU
Darley, Maria	GRU	McClellan, Irina	VSU
Davis, Libby	GCSU	McCrillis, Neal	CSU
Doyle, Maria	UWG	Nguyen, Ken	Clayton
Dubriel, Victoria	FVSU	Smith, Danielle	GSoU
Gatewood, Jane	UGA	Strawn-Valcy, Iyonka	KSU
Guo, Baogang	Dalton	Tatlock, Jason	AASU
Jones, Joyce	BOR	Vargis, Sally	GPC
Keevy, Joline	SSU	Wilson, John	UNG
Koepsel, Rachel	UNG	Wirsiy, Pamela	GPC
Laster, Kasee	UGA	Wynne, Carly	UNG

II. Introductions and Approval of Minutes

Representatives from each institution introduced themselves. Minutes from the SCIE January meeting were accepted as previously distributed.

III. Reports from SCIE Committees

- a. CISS: Robin Catmur listed the many issues that the CISS will be discussing during its afternoon meeting, including administration of the USG international students insurance plan, possible additional English proficiency tests, and implications of the same-sex couple decision by the BOR. SCIE representatives joined together in thanking Libby Davis for her previous service as CISS chair.

- b. Study Abroad: Kasee Laster indicated that the BOR renewed the CISI study abroad insurance policy. The committee will be meeting later to discuss other issues.

IV. Updates from USG Councils

- a. Africa Council: Nuru Akinyemi stated that Columbus State University will host the Southeast Model African Union in November. The council will be meeting in the afternoon to discuss final planning for that event. He extended his thanks to Savannah State for hosting SEMAU over the past two years.
- b. Americas Council: No report.
- c. Asia Council: Sally Vargis related that the China study abroad program did very much and is nearing its maximum capacity due to the size of the bus. The Korea program has been cancelled.
- d. European Council: Margee Bright-Ragland noted that the EC programs enrolled 305 students last year, a significant increase from the previous year. There is a new Morocco and Spain program being offered for 2014. The EC will meet on 13 September.
- e. Middle East Council: Jason Tatlock stated that GRU will host the Middle East student symposium in the spring.

V. Update from the BOR

- a. Dr. Joyce Jones, BOR Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, indicated that the BOR had drafted a position announcement for a BOR chief international officer. She thought it would be approved within a few weeks and the plan was to hire someone to start in January.
Several SCIE representatives asked to see the announcement. Dr. Jones indicated that the announcement largely followed the strategic planning document sent by the SCIE but she was happy to request that the announcement be sent to the SCIE Chair.
Other representatives asked if the plan included at least one additional staff person to support the chief international officer as recommended by the SCIE. Dr. Jones indicated that the short-term plan was to hire only one person but to work toward additional staffing as the budget situation improved.
- b. The SCIE Chair asked Dr. Jones if the SCIE could have representation on the search committee. Dr. Jones stated she thought that was the intent and would welcome suggestions.
The SCIE Chair asked members who they would want to serve on any search committee if asked. After consideration discussion it was moved and unanimously approved that the SCIE recommend the following persons for the

search committee (in order of priority): Neal McCrillis, Robin Catmur, and Margee Bright-Ragland.

- c. Cori Loftis demonstrated the current BOR international education website and asked for feedback on what to include going forward. Generally representatives agreed that having current campus study abroad links is vital as well as USG resources such as relevant portions of the USG manuals and sample documents. The representatives also suggested that it would be useful to have some kind of USG calendar. It was also agreed that the updated website should be developed with the anticipated BOR chief international officer.

VI. Best Practices and Campus Innovations

Anthony Pinder from GGC explained his institution had adopted campus internationalization as its QEP during the upcoming SACS accreditation. This effort would be somewhat similar to that of KSU. He offered to share their work with other representatives.

VII. Other Issues

One representative indicated that some of his colleagues had submitted teaching applications for one or more USG study abroad programs but without his office's review or approval. There were financial consequences as it involved summer salaries.

After consideration discussion the SCIE members unanimously resolved to encourage all regional councils to include a signature line for faculty member's chief international officer as well as signatures of the department chair, dean and provost.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.