

# SCIE Meeting Minutes

## UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA SYSTEM COUNCIL ON INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

Friday, 23 September 2005, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Center for Continuing Education, Room #330

Clayton State University, Morrow, Georgia

Guest Speaker: Francisco Marmolejo

### In attendance

Neal McCrillis, CSU	Patrick Brennan, MSC
Dwight Call, GCSU	Gerald McIntyre, FVSU
Claude Perkins, ALSU	Betty LeFace, BC
Caesar Perkowski, EGC	Al Churella, SPSU
Akanmu Adebayo, KSU	Bob Welborn, CLSU
Harriet Nichols, GPC	Chris Bourdouvalis, AUSU
Lynn Fedeli, KSU	Karen Guffey, GOC
Jim Anderson, AASU	Sessi Aloh, FVSU
Daniel Pittman, GSOU	Deborah Preston, GPC
David Starling, VSU	John Hicks, GSU
Shirley Oakley, CGCC	Dan Paracka, KSU
Phil Szmedra, GSSU	Amy Henry, GIT
John Lugthart, DSC	Saba Jallow, GSOU
Cornelius St. Mark, SSU	Richard Sutton, USG
Carl McDonald, SGC	Sue Watson, USG
Bruce Jones, GHC	Dierdre Williams, USG
Bill Schaniel, UWG	Ryan Thornton, USG
Dlynn Armstrong-Williams, NGCSU	Carrie Sloan, USG

### Announcements from SCIE members:

- NGCSU...\$17,000 + \$10,000 in scholarships for study abroad not in W. Europe or Canada .
- GCSU...new full-time advisor and a new office space for an international resource center.
- Albany...internationalization - \$40,000/year for 14 departments. Also, a new grant for textbooks for Namibia .
- GaTech...new program - the international plan degree designation. Fourteen degrees will be offered as Bachelor of Science in \_\_\_\_\_with international plan. Will require language proficiency, an internship/research for 26 weeks abroad, and focus on area studies/global economy/international relations theory. Eighty-seven applications have been received this year (goal is one hundred).
- FVSU...business school international certificates requires language proficiency and an internship abroad. African World Studies certificate requires language proficiency and an internship abroad.
- VSU...international studies minor - fourth semester of language and international study required.
- CSU...new international house with an office and lecture hall. Open house will be Monday, October 4th at 12:30 pm.
- KSU...ACE's Global Learning For All Project will continue thanks to the Ford Foundation's generous

contribution. Quality Enrichment Plan for 2007 SACS will focus on academics-global learning.

At the end of everybody's good news reports, Rick asked that everybody please start sending brief news items to Carrie (carrie.sloan@usg.edu) for a new posting site on the System OIE website.

## Director's Report

- 2005-2006 USG International Briefing Book - please take a look at this year's new briefing book. We will make another round of briefing books, so please send any updates to Carrie. The Briefing Book functions as a strong benchmarking statement and provides evidence on international activities/endeavors in the University System of Georgia. Additional briefing book requests (i.e. for senior administrators) should be sent to Carrie.
- SCIE Administrative Calendar & Events Calendar - pp. VIII.16 and VIII.17 of the Briefing Book. This new calendar highlights upcoming meetings, conferences, and deadlines within the University System of Georgia.
- Outcomes from the August Cabinet Planning Retreat - this year's meeting consolidated goals and focused on one theme: Collaboration (something distinct in the USG compared to other systems around the country).
  - Listservs - committee chairs will be using the listservs more often as a good source of information. Please contact Carrie if you would like to be added to any/all of the USG listservs.
  - Assessment of FY05 Charges - see Chapter VIII of the Briefing Book. Evaluation of last year's charges. Last year's agenda was an ambitious one and this year's meeting looked at what's working and what's not working. The coming year's charges will be tied to the overriding theme of collaboration (including additional efforts to conduct joint recruitment/programming/study abroad programs).
  - 2005-06 Charges to the Committees and WRCs - see respective sessions later in this meeting.
- Overview of State and USG Issues; System Office News
  1. **Chancellor steps down** at the end of this month, Corlis Cummings will serve as Interim Chancellor until January 1, 2006 when the Regents will name the official new Chancellor. This important search, combined with searches for new presidents at some USG institutions, is significant to the future of international education.
  2. **Change of Status** . Four two-year institutions are looking to move to the state college level while four regional/state institutions are looking to move to research-intensive status. Additionally, the new Gwinnett University Center has just named Daniel Kaufman as its new president.
  3. A question is asked regarding past **campus presidential position searches** and their evaluations on candidates' views on international education. Is this still the case? This is no longer the case due to Chancellor Meredith changing the evaluation to a rotating one.
  4. **Healthcare costs are on the rise** . Raises are low on the budget list. No numbers are available at the moment; however, there is currently a problem in Georgia with losing quality faculty for this reason and related others.
  5. **AJC articles on illegal immigrants** are included in everybody's packet. Georgia 's proposed legislation would put universities in the role of controlling/policing immigration, which is the federal government's responsibility. By barring admission to public colleges and universities, this risks creating a permanent underclass by allowing these undocumented residents to live and work in

Georgia but not study. Also, why are these students charged out-of-state tuition (except for limited waivers)? Are they taking the place of Georgia students? Not really. There are no penalties for employers to hire undocumented workers, yet they are actually the only ones responsible for I-9 employment verification. These are issues that must be confronted before the legislative session starts, and we must have evidence/talking points to update and present. The System Office needs SCIE validation/endorsement/consensus on the issue. All were in favor of such an endorsement; none was opposed.

6. **Question 1** : One representative explained that his institution will not supply student identification cards to undocumented students (though the students are permitted to attend classes). As a result, they are unable to check out books or enter the computer lab. VP of Business at this institution wants to know what institutions are issuing ID cards to undocumented students.
7. **Answer 1** : All other representatives said their institutions are issuing ID cards.
8. **Question 2** : Another representative asked if international issues are on the agenda with regards to registrars, admissions staff, etc.
9. **Answer 2** : Yes. With regards to these issues, Tonya Lam is the primary staff at the Board of Regents.

■ **Proposed FY06 Expenditures (by fund and activity)**

Budgets are stable this year - there have been no huge cuts. In the past, support for international education in the System was cut from \$700,000 to \$300,000. We have not returned to the times of \$700,000, but we have learned how to operate on a slimmer budget. Currently, funds are divided into: 84% directly to the institutions, 7% indirect aid, 9% operating expenses. We do have an unexpected reserve due to a failure to secure matching funding for one of our funded projects, and possibly those monies will go towards a second STARS round of awards.

■ **Restoration of Global Partnership Grants for FY06**

Deadline has changed to 12/1/05 as a result of last year's suspension.

■ **Restoration and Redefinition of Best Practices Awards**

Deadline changed to 12/1/05. Please see the "System Programs" Chapter of the Briefing Book.

■ **Suspension of Underserved Study Abroad Competition**

Suspended after two years and seven programs. If you have a collaborative study abroad program to establish, consider the Global Partnerships new mini-grants. These grants of awards from \$100 to \$150 are intended to support study abroad collaborations and sharing international visitors. The chairs of the committees will decide how these awards will be allocated. Please contact Jim Anderson (study abroad) or Akanmu Adebayo (international scholars).

■ **FY07 Budget and Request for 80/20 Strategic Initiative Funding**

This year's \$1.9 billion budget request by the Regents is the largest ever - international education is not listed in the request.

■ **Lincoln Fellowship Commission Update**

- Will be holding a regional hearing in Knoxville on October 4, 2005. Issues likely to be raised to the Commission by the USG are:
  - Cost-effectiveness of study abroad programs
  - Cost-containment
  - Matching funding
  - Alternatives to scholarships

- Standards of Program Quality (currently there is no accreditation process for study abroad programs)
- Transforming Higher Education's approach to study abroad
- **Harrington Award for Inter-Institutional Collaboration**  
This award will serve as a tribute to what Tracy did during his time here in Georgia .

An added note: The new Board of Regents Chair Timothy Shelnut from Augusta is largely supportive of international education and will be promoting the "Year of Creating Opportunities." Four areas of emphasis will be:

- Improving retention, progression, and graduation rates (RPG)
- Expanding communications
- Looking at the total impact assessment on Georgia - economic, quality of life, and future growth
- Accelerating facilities/construction - the backlog will be prioritized, especially instructional and research buildings.

Regent Shelnut encourages case studies from individual institutions relating to international education in terms of RPG. Please send any data that you have on international students' retention, progression and graduation. More recent data are best, but all data are helpful.

- A. **Guest Presentation:** The Consortium for North American Higher Education Collaboration (CONAHEC), Dr. Francisco Marmolejo, Executive Director  
Dr. Francisco Marmolejo spoke about CONAHEC, its structure, and services; issues of trilateral collaboration (US, Mexico , and Canada ) and its symbiotic relationship with higher education; and concerns about Hispanic and Canadian populations in Georgia and the U.S. For more information about CONAHEC, please visit <http://www.conahec.org>
- B. **USG World Regional Councils** spoke over lunch about last year's and this year's charges (see the "Organization and Structure" section, VIII, of the Briefing Book). Additionally, each council chair gave his/her report and mentioned faculty development seminars where appropriate.
- C. **Committee on Study Abroad** (Jim Anderson, Chair)
- a. **2005-2006 Charge to the Committee** (VIII.5 in the September 2005 Briefing Book)
  - b. **Mini-Grants for Collaborative Recruitment/Enrollment in Existing Programs** - these are small amounts of money to encourage partnerships. Grants for collaboration projects with existing study abroad programs will be decided by the USG Study Abroad Committee.
  - c. **Review of 2007 Study Abroad Targets & 2003-2004 Data** (I.3 in the Sept. 2005 Briefing Book)
  - d. **2004-2005 Study Abroad Participation Data Request** - responses due: 30 Sept 2005
  - e. **FY06 STARS Awards Results** - \$145,425 allocated (12% to 2-year institutions; 33% to research institutions; 55% to state/regional institutions)
  - f. **FY07 Funding Request** - deadline: 1 April 2006
  - g. **NSEP Scholarships for Japanese, Chinese, & Russian** - UPGRADED

- \$500-\$1000 for bridging scholarships
  - \$1000-\$1500 for immersion scholarships
- h. **ISEP Update** - Science programs now available in Spanish ( Spain ) or English in Northern Europe . Scholarships, HOPE, and Pell grants apply. These programs can be cheaper than a semester at a home (USG) institution.
- i. **New Version of On-Line Study Abroad Catalog** - an upgrade in functioning will allow program directors to update their programs anytime to maintain constant updates. Instructions on updating programs will be emailed to program directors soon.

**D. Committee on International Students & Scholars** (Akanmu Adebayo, Chair)

- a. **2005-2006 Charge to the Committee** - (VIII.6 in the Sept. 2005 Briefing Book)  
Please determine the campus supervisor for international students and scholars and forward contact information for this person to Sue Watson ( [sue.watson@usg.edu](mailto:sue.watson@usg.edu) ) and/or Akanmu Adebayo ( [aadebayo@kennesaw.edu](mailto:aadebayo@kennesaw.edu) ). The next committee meeting will be held October 28 from 10:00-12:00 in Macon .
- b. **Mini-Grants for Collaborative Programming with Visiting Scholars** - these are small amounts of money to encourage sharing of international scholars and their expertise. Grants for collaboration regarding international scholar sharing programs will be decided by the USG International Students and Scholars Committee.
- c. **International Student Enrollment Trends** - (please see the "International Students" section, Section II, of the September 2005 Briefing Book)  
Please complete IIE's Open Door Survey
- d. **Hobsons Recruitment Initiative** - we are taking a serious look at marketing the University System of Georgia to international students. The USG advertised in a business magazine in Latin America (Revista Competencia) as well as in The Hobsons U.S. Education Guides for four world regions, including a website presence. The System office will be able to track students visiting the USG website from the Hobsons site. For more information on Hobsons, please visit <http://www.useduguides.com/>
- e. **RFP for the Board of Regents Mandatory Graduate Student, Study Abroad Participant, and International Student Health Insurance** - this is a sticky issue that will be discussed freely using the CISS listserv and during the CISS meeting on October 28, 2005. The listserv consensus should go to Claude who chairs the graduate deans committee involved in international insurance - he will let his committee know of your concerns.

**E. Committee on Faculty & Curriculum** (Bill Schaniel, Chair)

- a. **2005-2006 Charge to the Committee** (VIII.7 in the September 2005 Briefing Book)
- b. **2006 Faculty Development Seminars & Chancellor's Awards** -  
Application Deadline is December 15, 2005. Information on this year's Faculty Development Seminars (Cameroon/Nigeria and Denmark/Sweden) and Chancellor's Awards can be found at [http://www.usg.edu/international\\_ed/usg\\_info/seminars/](http://www.usg.edu/international_ed/usg_info/seminars/)

c. **2006 Senior Academic Administrators Seminar Abroad**

The application deadline is October 28, 2005 . Please feel free to contact Rick Sutton ( [Richard.sutton@usg.edu](mailto:Richard.sutton@usg.edu) ) or the seminar leader, Dr. Deborah Preston ( [dpreston@gpc.edu](mailto:dpreston@gpc.edu) ), for more information.

d. **Symposium on Teaching Abroad (March 16-17, 2006)** - GPC Lawrenceville Campus "Into the Classroom" Symposium (Incorporating Faculty Seminars and Teaching Abroad into the Curriculum).

For more information, please visit <http://www.gacis.org/symposium.html>

e. **Workshop on Teaching about the Middle East (November 4-6, 2005)** - This workshop is a weekend of lectures by top scholars, complemented by Middle Eastern food , film, music and dance. Details on Teaching the Middle East III, including an application form, are posted at:

<http://www.gacis.org/workshops.html>

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