

Minutes
USG System Council for International Education
September 14, 2012

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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.