

USG System Council on International Education
11 September 2015
Middle Georgia State College , Professional Services Building (Room 211A/B)

Minutes

I. Welcome and introductions

1. Registration list was available for people to correct / update email addresses
2. Chair, Robin Catmur, UGA
3. Vice-chair, Salli Vargis, Georgia Perimeter College
4. Doug Podoll, Georgia Tech, former Director for International Education at USG
5. Tammy Rosner, new Director of International Student and Scholar Services at USG.
6. Cori Loftis, Event and Program Manager, USG

II. Review of meetings format and locations

III. Opened discussion of minutes from January 2015 meeting. No edits or comments.

Minutes accepted by motion.

IV. Update from the Board of Regents office - Doug Podoll

1. Update on two searched by BoR
 - a. Tammy Rosner hired as new Director of International Student and Scholar Services
 - b. First search for Director of Education Abroad failed. New search, with revised job description just opened.

2. Health Insurance for international students and scholars
 - a. PGH Global is available to them. Coverage similar to United SHIP plan, but not ACA compliant, as it has a \$250,000 coverage limit, and a pre-existing condition clause for pregnancy.
 - b. Doug recommended that if your scholars come with insurance that meets federal minimums, do not reject it because it does not meet BoR recommended minimums, which are higher.

3. oneusg - Goal is to have all system schools on the same system, with the same policies and processes to promote efficiencies and economies of scale. They are initially focusing on common policies, procedures and tech solutions relating to HR.
Georgia Gwinnett is the pilot school, and is switching to a new financial system (Peoplesoft based). All other schools except UGA and Tech will move to this system by July 2016. UGA and Tech will follow later.

4. Taxes: there is a new USG contract for Glacier tax compliance software and the Student compliance software, Sprintax. They met after last tax season to discuss short-comings of Sprintax, and there will be improvements for this year.

V. Reports out from Subcommittees

1. International Student and Scholars - Adam Johnson, Coastal Georgia
2. Education Abroad - Liz Havey, Georgia College

VI. Updates from USG Councils:

1. Africa, Americas, European and Middle East were not represented

2. Asia Council - Salli Vargis reported.

a. The China trip took 25 students with 5 faculty members. They have 7 faculty members for this year - please try to generate interest among your students.

b. The teaching workshop was not held in the spring, but a paper was published (article was sent to list).

c. They are working on developing a new Japan program.

VII. Next SCIE meeting date: proposed -- January 22, 2016. It was pointed out that this might conflict with the winter GAIE meeting, however we have confirmed that there is no conflict. We will confirm this date later in the fall semester.

VIII. Other items

1. Funwi Ayuninjam, Georgia Gwinnett College, brought up a question about internationalizing the faculty. This relates to financial issues, tenure, and other incentives to encourage faculty to engage with and develop internationalization efforts. Please contact Funwi or Robin Catmur if you are interested in gathering some data in this area.

a. Dr. Ivan Nikolov from Kennesaw State reminded the group of the previously existing Chancellor's awards (grants) that had been in place prior to the dissolution of the old International Education office at BoR. These were modest grants of \$1,500. issued to 10 individuals per term (20 per year). We recommended to Tammy Rosner that this be brought up again with the BoR; perhaps this grant program could be re-instituted.

b. Membership question is answered (more or less) in the by-laws. Each institution can appoint one voting member. Appointment is made by the Chief Academic Officer, or designee.

IX. Representation: Questions were raised about the representation by campus representatives on the area councils, and what policies applied to these groups. The group requested that there be some clarification to council appointments.

X. MOU validity: Dr. Neal McCrillis raised a question pertaining to the duration of MOU validity. His Legal Affairs office is considering an MOU a contract, and as such, it must be re-negotiated annually. We will try to raise this question at the Regent's Advisory Councils meetings next week in Macon. It was pointed out that there is no procurement office at BoR, so they will refer this to Legal Affairs.

XI. Cuba Seminar: Robin Catmur attended a State Department seminar on developing academic exchanges with Cuba. She will email out notes and materials to the list serv.

XII. Upcoming events:

1. Clery Act workshop - Monday, September 28th, Macon, GA

2. NAFSA Fall Regional Conference - October 25th - 28th. Savannah, GA
Early bird registration open until 9/25/15 - \$275.

3. International Education Week: November 16th – 20th