

KSOEHD International Education Committee Meeting Minutes February 8, 2011

Present: Rajee Amarasinghe, Teresa Huerta, Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Diane Oliver, Kien Pham, Hong Shen, Cindy Jing Sun, Don Wise

- 1. New member introduction:** Dr. Rajee Amarasinghe has joined the committee as a representative of Interdisciplinary Studies. He is an associate professor and his field is Math.
- 2. Approval of minutes.** Approved
- 3. University Strategic Plan:** Juan Carlos showed the goal in the newly drafted university strategic plan for increasing campus internationalization, particularly the number of international students. Don Wise sits on the International Students Advisory Board.
- 4. Comparative International Education Society (CIES) West Conference:** A colleague at CSU, Long Beach, where the 2010 CIES West Conference was held, asked Diane if CSU, Fresno would like to host the 2011 conference. Only Diane has attended this conference; therefore, it was decided that the IEC would submit a panel proposal for the 2011 CIES West Conference and then examine the feasibility of hosting the 2012 conference.
- 5. Photos and captions for the IEC display case:** Teresa, Don, and Kien will send photos and captions to Juan Carlos. There also may be some good pictures of the Dean during the China trip.
- 6. Biographic information and photos on international work for the IEC Web site:** Committee members still need to send this information and photos to Juan Carlos.
- 7. Alignment of the IEC membership with the KSOEHD constitution:** Juan Carlos reported that the committee has achieved full and aligned membership.
- 8. Member reports on international activities and initiatives:** Don explained the project he is working on in Guatemala. He will be writing a book with a Guatemalan professor for use in future training sessions. The training is done through various media including teleconferencing and on-line postings. Rajee has been conducting train-the-trainers distance learning courses in Sri Lanka. The time difference makes this rather challenging. Shen and Diane are starting to work on international comparative examination of math teaching techniques in the US and China. Shanghai's high scores, and the US not so high scores on the Program for International Student Assessment (PISA) has sparked this interest. Teresa and Juan Carlos are working on a colloquium in Mexico that integrates school issues for bilingualism, multiculturalism, and indigenous populations. As an aside, all but one member of the IEC is bilingual.
- 5. Next meeting:** Tuesday, March 15, 2011, at 1:00 p.m. in ED 254