

International Education Committee Minutes
 Kremen School of Education and Human Development
 Wednesday, March 12, 2014
 10:00-11:00 am in ED 354

Present: Rajee Amarsinghe, Jyothi Bathina, Sarah Lam, Diane Oliver, Kien Pham, Melissa Vang, Don Wise

1. Approve minutes and agenda

Minutes of the previous meeting and the agenda for this meeting were approved.

2. Discuss and make decisions regarding the IEC Facebook page

Melissa showed the non-published Facebook page that she has developed and led a discussion based on the three questions. She also showed the analytics that are built into the Web page that indicate use.

a. What kind of information does the IEC want to communicate?

The intended audience would be students, international students, prospective students, and Fresno State faculty. Perhaps this page could serve as a way to know more about campus international courses and programs if we could build collaboration across the campus to contribute to the Facebook page. The page could be presented as different sections, such as travel, study and research abroad, and announcements.

b. Are IEC members willing to contribute postings at least 1-2 times a week?

IEC members said they would be willing to contribute, although perhaps monthly. The point was made that Melissa's job is to manage the page and the IEC would need to support the effort in order to keep the page active. The IEC also expressed appreciation to Melissa for her willingness to take on this project.

c. How will we keep the page active?

Jyothi suggested that Melissa send out an email requesting contributions every couple of weeks to remind the IEC members about submitting to the page. Melissa could focus on a different section each time. After the page is activated, Melissa will send an email to IEC members so they can become "friends" and she then can give each member administrative privileges to make postings. The hope is that IEC members and those who visit the page will enlarge the circle of "friends" who check the page.

3. Discuss potential for future faculty trips (e.g., Ecuador or Tibet)

This summer, Jyothi is planning on going to Tibet where she will work with a literacy institute and start another book project. She also would work with the University of Kashmir. If this project works out, she would be going back and could potentially turn this into a faculty international education trip. Juan Carlos is going on an academic trip to Ecuador this summer and hopes to organize a similar subsequent trip for Kremen School

faculty. A third possibility discussed would be for Rajee to lead a faculty trip to Sri Lanka. He has worked on a number of math teacher education projects in Sri Lanka.

4. Discuss listing of international publications and conferences

IEC members agreed with continuing to solicit inputs for the lists and said they would contribute as soon as they had more time.

5. Other

a. Don Wise reported that he has continued to communicate with Nhan by answering her questions about the education leadership curriculum and program. He also has told her that the topics could be customized if her institute brought faculty to Fresno State for training. Diane explained that in addition to providing her Vice Rector with information, Nhan is preparing a paper for conference based on her experience and study of the Fresno State Curriculum. She thinks that embedding the credential into the master's program would be good for Viet Nam.

b. The IEC thanked Jyothi for the great job she did in organizing and leading the India faculty trip presentation at the Faculty Assembly meeting. This meeting had the largest attendance in some time. Appreciation also was expressed for the Dean's willingness to support faculty international education travel and for providing funding for the Indian food served at Faculty Assembly.

c. A question was asked about the purpose of the IEC's Kremen School web page if it is still needed in view of launching the Facebook page. Diane suggested that the Kremen School page is more of an official site that houses pictures and bios of the committee, meeting minutes, and ultimate the publications lists. The Facebook page is more diverse and suited for a different audience. IEC Web page

<http://www.fresnostate.edu/kremen/international/committee.html>

d. Diane checked with ISSP to find out when the solicitation for Distinguished International Graduate Award nominations would be coming out. She was informed that the award was being revised and should be out within the next week or two.

6. Next meeting: Wednesday, 23 April, 10:00 am, ED 354