

KSOEHD International Education Committee Meeting Minutes September 13, 2011

Present: Otto Benavides, Berta Gonzalez, Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Sarah Lam, Diane Oliver, Cindy Jing Sun, Don Wise

1. Approval of minutes. Approved

2. International Week

- a. In past years, the IEC has participated in International Week as one of its primary goal related activities. The dates this year are November 13th through 18th.
- b. Based on discussions about presenting briefs on IEC member international projects at the Faculty Assembly meetings, the IEC decided to organize a panel for International Week comprising faculty and students.
- c. The title of the panel could be “Internationalizing Educational Research: Presenting and Working Abroad in Latin America and Asia.”
- d. Juan Carlos notified Dr. Maria Lopez, who is organizing International Week, that the IEC would participate. (Action: *The names of those who will present also need to be provided.*)
- e. Another suggestion was to ask the international students to create a short video regarding their research and run the video on the KSOEHD entryway monitor.

3. Dean’s Tasking for Strategic Plan Goals 6 and 11

Otto said the CSU Academic Senate is pushing to internationalize education through online learning. CSU, Fresno also is aiming to increase the number of online courses and programs offered. IEC members brainstormed various strategies (e.g., offer the first online overview course free, establish two-by-two programs, use overseas agents, offer an online counseling program) for accomplishing Goal 11 (increasing international student enrollment).

The discussion was narrowed to a couple of strategies that will be further discussed at the next IEC meeting, along with any additional thoughts offered by IEC members who were not at this meeting.

- a. Don Wise moved to recommend establishing a Master of Arts in Teaching online internationally (seconded and approved).
- b. Otto Benavides recommended that KSOEHD establish a relationship with www.edu from Austria to develop an online Masters in Education.

4. Announcements.

- a. Juan Carlos asked Otto to report on an international trip mentioned by the Dean at the August IEC meeting. Otto is exploring the feasibility of offering a trip to Costa Rica and Columbia to visit K-12 schools and higher education institutions.
- b. Don was contracted by the ministry of education in Guatemala to facilitate establishment of a program to decrease student “desertions” in the schools. During Don’s most recent trip the situation was challenging as the union was upset and had taken over occupancy of the ministry building; the meetings were held in a nearby warehouse.
- c. Juan Carlos has been speaking with the Dean and Lynette Zelezny about bringing Dr. Jiang from the China University of Geosciences to CSU, Fresno for one year.

d. Cindy reported that the University has approximately 120 new international students.

5. Potential agenda items for future meetings

- a. Continue work on strategies and indicators for Goal 11 (next meeting).
- b. Develop more details about the International Week panel presentations: facilitator, panel members, format (next meeting).
- c. Receive a briefing on Otto's international work (next meeting).
- d. Receive briefings on international work being done by Don, Teresa, Juan Carlos, and Rajee.
- e. Request that Berta Gonzalez provide information on the Fulbright program.
- f. Invite Lynette Zelezny to speak about current internationalization initiatives on campus.

6. Next meeting: October 11th, 10:00-12:00, ED 254