

**Program/Project Annual Report
International Education Committee
July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013**

Purpose of Program/Project:

According to the Kremen School of Education and Human Development (KSOEHD) Constitution, the purpose of the committee is (a) “to facilitate international, multicultural and cross-cultural experiences for faculty, staff and students of the Kremen School of Education and Human Development”; (b) “to seek funding and support for such international experiences”; and (c) “to establish priorities related to International Education set up to provide international assistance to faculty and students in the School of Education” (Clause 11). The *KSOEHD Strategic Plan for 2008-2011* also assigned responsibility to the International Education Committee (IEC) for a few “global perspective” goals: (a) “create faculty forums & workshops annually,” (b) “establish an international education class,” (c) “design & implement activities involving international students & faculty.”

Administrative Housing of Program/Project:

The KSOEHD IEC comprises two co-coordinators appointed by the Dean (Juan Carlos Gonzalez and Diane Oliver), one member from each department, two at large representatives from the Faculty Assembly, and two students (one international student and one doctoral student). Don Wise served on both the IEC and the university ISSP Advisory committee. Members of the committee are the liaison persons for their departments. During the academic year, the committee took several actions to increase the visibility of international events and projects within the KSOEHD. However, as the university and KSOEHD face further funding cuts, promoting and carrying out international initiatives involving travel remains difficult.

This year, Kremen faculty changed the constitution to allow the IEC to elect their own chair, to serve one three year term, renewable yearly. Accordingly, we had elections at the end of the year and Dr. Diane Oliver was elected the new chair.

Major Accomplishments 2012-2013:

The IEC reviewed the purpose and goals from 20010-2011 and decided that a smaller number of feasible (in relation to size of the committee and availability of fiscal resources) goals should be selected for 2011-2012 (see Table 1). Additionally a new operational purpose statement was adopted: “The purpose of the International Education Committee is to promote an international perspective in teaching, learning, and scholarship within the KSOEHD.”

Table 1: Goals and Accomplishments for 2012 to 2013

Goal	Description	Action Completed
1.	Assist Kremen faculty in updating the clause in the constitution that applies to the IEC.	Completed. Highlights: (a) IEC now elected their own chair.

		(b) IEC can appoint international specialists from across the university to serve.
2.	Ensure the IEC has full representation as specified in the KSOEHD Constitution and goals are aligned with the Constitution and Strategic Plan.	<p>The committee now has full representation and the goals for the year were aligned with the governing documents and available resources.</p> <p><i>Effectiveness:</i> the committee is enthusiastic, collegial, and committed to internationalizing KSOEHD. Several EIC committee members are involved in international projects. One of our student representative is in the university international office, providing us with a liaison to this office as well.</p>
3.	Maintain a facebook presence to connect with students and the FSU international community.	<p>With the technical assistance of our students representative, we've maintained a facebook presence. Our address: http://www.facebook.com/InternationalEducationCommittee</p>
4.	International Bilingual Education Conference in Valparaiso, Chile	<p>Dr. Teresa Huerta, a member of the IEC, and Dr. Juan Carlos González, were involved in submitting a proposal to this international conference. The proposal was accepted and Drs. Huerta and González will be attending from October 10-12.</p> <p><i>Effectiveness:</i> Very important for building community relations and the visibility of the IEC internationally.</p>
5.	Improved relations with Fresno State's international student office	<p>This goal was achieved. We made a point of valuing and honoring Kremen's international students. All 8 of our international students were invited to a Kremen faculty meeting, and honored, and invited to a luncheon in their honor.</p> <p><i>Effectiveness:</i> Very important for establishing connections with our international students, which can help us with future international student recruiting efforts.</p> <p><i>Source of funding:</i> The dean, approximately \$500 in total.</p>
6.	International Student graduation	<p>This goal was achieved. Drs. Juan Carlos González and Jared Lau were present at the graduation as representative of the IEC and Kremen.</p> <p><i>Effectiveness:</i> Very important for establishing connections with our international students and Fresno State's international office, which can help us with future international student recruiting efforts.</p>
7.	Initiation of International Exchange Program with Geosciences University in	<p>This goal was achieved. Dr. Sara Lam visited Wuhan, and returned and presented this possibility to ERA. ERA is presently pursuing this.</p>

	China	<i>Effectiveness:</i> Very important for recruiting international students from China.
8.	Improving International Student Success Conference (Orlando, FL)	<p>This goal was achieved. Dr. Juan Carlos González attended this conference, solely focused on international student success, to prepare for supporting future Kremen international students.</p> <p><i>Effectiveness:</i> Very important for helping international students succeed socially and academically.</p> <p><i>Source of funding:</i> Personal doctoral funds, approximately \$2,500 in total.</p>

Sources of Funding:

Expenditures: The Dean provided funding to help sponsor the international student luncheon, which IEC is interested in making this an annual event.

Note: The exact amount of funding for hosting activities is not known as Inez Elliston helped by ordering the food. We are most appreciative of her help and the Dean’s funding support.

Revenues: None

Space and Equipment Utilization:

The committee normally meets monthly in one of the conference rooms, ED 354. An LCD Projector and laptop are used to project the agenda, minutes, and other documents that support conducting the meeting. All documents and other records are held in the IEC co-coordinator’s offices and posted on the Web page, as appropriate.

Goals and Objectives 2013-2014:

Although the IEC made excellent progress toward achieving the goals for 2012-2013, more work is needed, and International Week and a yearly international student luncheon should receive continued support.

Dr. Diane Oliver and the IEC will meet at the beginning of Fall 2013 to come up with goals and objectives.