

The University of Louisiana at Monroe

Minutes for the International Education Council

February 11, 2008

Members Present: E. Bledsoe, K. Bledsoe, V. Hsia, T. Kim, M. Loeb (Chair), S. Nazzal, P. Newman, A. Richardson, M. Schmeer, T. Steckline, J. Wood

Members Absent: M. Perez

Members Excused: C. Clark, student members

Meeting called to order at 11:00 am at Student Center room 163.

J. Wood, V. Hsia made motion and seconded to approve minutes from November 14th meeting.

M. Loeb – reminder about question/answer time with David Ware, an immigration lawyer.

Move to discussion of Spring event: International Food Fair on April 10th from 11:00am to 1:00 pm.

Questions about how to advertise and generating interest: via email, can it be made a five-star event on campus.

T. Steckline – Contact Windows, a bookshop for International cuisine cookbooks.

T. Kim – will contact friends for Korean food.

S. Nazzal – suggestion for different drinks from around the world: coffees, chai tea, jelly grass, international sodas or colas – will check Bao Bao Market.

A. Richardson – will follow up with Aramark.

K. Bledsoe – will ask about Egyptian food from contacts in Chemistry

Discussion moved to International Student survey:

Only 30 returned out of 150 surveys given out.

A. Richardson – suggestion of using Survey Monkey, an online survey tool.

P. Newman – will send to Laura Harris for input and suggestions.

T. Kim – volunteered to compile results from previous survey.

Uses of survey results:

Availability of language/ language skills of those surveyed.

T. Steckline – possibility of a speaker for Nexus forum.

S. Nazzal – idea of open discussion or international forum

Nominations of new council members:

Mike Beutner, Thilla Sivakumaran

M. Loeb – Contact Jose Cordova about old survey

Next Meeting is scheduled for March 10th.

Meeting adjourned at 11:57 am.