

Minutes August 14, 2006 11:15am

International Committee

Present: Mara Loeb, Ronald Guidry, Tae-hyun Kim, Pam Newman, Mary Schmeer,  
Victor Hsia, Cissy Clark, Jim Wood, David Burley

Absent: Amanda Richardson, Miguel Perez, Judy Smith

Dr. Wood agreed to serve as secretary.

Provost's Agenda Discussed:

- Membership assignments every March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Student members – Need nominations from committee members
- Dr. Loeb will send memo to International students
- Minutes must be emailed as WORD attachment to [MAHON@ulm.edu](mailto:MAHON@ulm.edu)
- All committee chairs must evaluate contribution/involvement of committee members by May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year
- Every committee must submit an end-of-year report by May 1<sup>st</sup> detailing annual progress and projects in the works.

Discussed meeting times – no resolution

Discussed International topics for NEXUS

Dr. Hsia volunteered to be responsible for topic #3 “How Do We Survive Global Health Risks such as AIDS, SARS, Avian Flu, etc.”? Dr. Loeb suggested adding a meteorologist.

Dr. Wood volunteered to be responsible for Topic #2 “Immigration and its Impact on the U.S. Economy.” He will attempt to find an economist to lead the discussion. The date chosen will be the 9<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> of November depending on the availability of the speaker. It was decided to let this topic generate future topics such as Legal/Illegal immigration or status of Illegal immigrants currently living and working in the U.S. It was suggested that someone contact FRYs classes and encourage incentive for attendance at discussion. Dr. Loeb will talk to Barbara, the FRYs coordinator.

All committee members agreed to write up suggestions to improve upon the #1 Topic “Why Do They Hate Us? Do Global Media Nurture Future Terrorists?” It was agreed that the title needed work and indeed, the entire subject needed to be better defined.

Dr. Loeb agreed to email a copy of the Mission statement to all members to assist them in understanding and contributing to the mission.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 12 at 3:30. Please mark your calendars. Each meeting after that will be on the second Tuesday of each month at 3:30. All meetings will be in the Teaching and Learning Resource Center on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the library.

Adjourned 12:10pm

## Mission Statement – International Education Council 2006-07

As members of an ever-shrinking world community, international events impact the careers and lives of all Americans. A challenge facing all of our students and faculty is to live and successfully participate in the new global environment. Successful participation in a global society leads to an improved quality of life, a better society, and a more peaceful world order. However, successful participation requires an inter-cultural literacy appropriate for a global environment.

In order to help meet these challenging needs, this council will seek to

1. Promote and assist with the recruitment and retention of international students.
2. Promote and facilitate the internationalization of ULM students, faculty, and the surrounding community.
3. Provide the stimulus for the development of an international studies center.

### Goals

1. To gather information to aid in the effort to recruit and retain international students at ULM.
2. To establish and promote an information base for materials related to international education and travel opportunities.
3. To investigate funding possibilities in the form of grants and/or a reduction of charges. In addition, to research funding possibilities for an international transcript evaluator to be employed by ULM on a part-time basis.
4. To create a network of persons and agencies to advertise, organize and/or co-sponsor special events that will foster intercultural interaction and understanding.
5. To compile a directory of faculty members with experience living abroad and foreign language proficiency, and of interested international students, with the goal of creating an Intercultural Speakers bureau.
6. To investigate establishing relationships with universities in other countries with the goal of increasing international student enrollment and offering domestic faculty and students opportunities to study and/or teach abroad.