

International Education Council Minutes September 12, 2006 3:30pm

Present: Mara Loeb, Miguel Perez, Tae-hyun Kim, Pam Newman, Mary Schmeer, Victor Hsia, Jim Wood, David Burley, Jennifer Teves, Laxmi Gurung, Victor Hsia
Absent: Amanda Richardson, Judy Smith, Ronald Guidry, Cissy Clark

The minutes from the last meeting were read and discussed.

Dr. Kim requested a clarification of the #1 topic for NEXUS. A general discussion ensued and the committee agreed to title the #1 topic "Do Global Media Nurture Future Terrorists".

The previous minutes were accepted with #1 topic title amended.

Welcome new student members Laxmi Gurung and Jennifer Teves.

Dr. Hsia recommended that each person responsible for presenting a topic produce a disclaimer stating that the opinions expressed in the presentation were those of the presenter and not of the committee. This recommendation passed unanimously.

Discussed Globalization topics for NEXUS

Dr. Hsia presented a general outline of topic #3 "How Do We Survive Global Health Risks such as AIDS, SARS, Avian Flu, etc.?" He expects his presentation to be 40-45 minutes possibly broken into segments with question in between or questions throughout the presentation.

Dr. Wood contacted Dr. Eisenstadt to be responsible for Topic #2 "Immigration and its Impact on the U.S. Economy." Dr. Eisenstadt agreed to lead the discussion on the 13th of November at 7:15pm at the NEXUS meeting.

Dr. Loeb suggested we survey NEXUS attendees to help identify areas of interest for future sessions.

Dr. Loeb asked members to recommit to goals from last year. The following members committed to a goal as listed on the Mission Statement (see following page).

- # 1 Schmeer, Hsia
- # 2 Newman
- # 3 Guidry
- # 4 Burley
- # 5 Perez
- # 6 Tae, Teves

Dr. Loeb requested suggestions for Spring Event – Not Chocolate! Miguel Perez suggested cheeses from around the world.

Council members were invited to the International Students Welcome Party at 7:30pm on Friday, September 22 at Northeast Campus Ministries.

State Department sponsored International week will be November 13-17, 2006. ULM has held an event for the last 3 years to participate.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 10 at 3:30. Please mark your calendars.

Each meeting after that will be on the second Tuesday of the month at 3:30. All meetings will be in the Teaching and Learning Resource Center on the 3rd floor of the library. Adjourned 4:30pm

Mission Statement

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 application charges for international students. 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.