

International Education Council
September 16, 2010, 160 Student Center
Minutes

Present: Loeb, Wood, Bledsoe, Gurung, Khalil, Kuanliang, Nazzal, Sharma, Steckline, Vasquez,
Jacobus, Schmeer
Excused: Beutner, Bontty, Wisenor

Dr. Wood agreed to serve as secretary.

Minutes of the August 16, 2010 meeting were accepted with one amendment
Vasquez volunteered to find two students to serve as student members. Khalil will also
recommend a student member.

A volunteer for International Student Association Adviser was solicited. Jacobus volunteered to
serve in that role.

Voted to accept amendments to IEC Mission Statement Goals

Under Mission "4. To better serve all international students in their transition to the U.S.
and ULM."

[Since #4 included providing furnishings in discussion, Loeb agreed to store hunter/gather finds
such as dishes, single bed mattresses etc. for International Student living assistance at her home.]

Under Goals "7. To develop a network of host families in the community."

It was suggested that we develop a list of people who have access to newsletters to assist in
finding host families, housing needs, etc. The Council on Aging director might help.

All Members are expected to choose a goal or goals to support from the mission statement as
part of their involvement with the international committee.

Dr. Loeb, Lynne Clark, Dr. Ruth Smith and Cynthia Rodriguez are working on a grant proposal
to develop an International House which would provide no more than 3 weeks of emergency
housing for 12-15 students at the beginning of the academic year, provide an informal space for
conversation partners (international and domestic pairs) to meet, hold bi-weekly coffees with
international students to consider topics of interest, international movies, life lessons (how to
balance a checkbook, etc.) and guest lectures.

To this end they are asking if anyone knows of grants that might be applied to such a project.

A major topic of discussion was the **International Expo – November 16, 2010**

Please bring international items you own that would be interesting. Encourage your students to
do the same. There is no special security, but items are insured under the ULM policy.

We discussed providing a secure area for valuable items such as the stage behind a "velvet rope"
type barrier or near a table staffed by a faculty member, such as the sign-in, or drinks tables.

It was suggested to bring a picture rather than a very valuable item.

Wood will contact Wendy Brown to ask for items to exhibit as last year she had exceptional
items.

Council members present were asked to sign on for jobs from the list from last year's Expo as follows: [Absent members please reply with your commitment!]

If you are available 11/16/2010, Please volunteer

Set-up 8:30-11:00

Kuanliang, Loeb, Steckline, Wood

Expo 11:00-2:00

Jacobus, Steckline, Wood

Take Down 2:00-3:30

Beutner, Loeb, Wood

Name Tags various languages– Sharma, Khalil (student volunteer), ?

Bledsoe will contact area grade schools and provide cups for drinks and napkins. Khalil, Loeb will assist.

Schmeer will request table cloths and ice and ice coolers for drinks from Aramark.

Loeb will purchase “exotic” drinks with a \$5 donation from each council member.

[Each member should bring \$5 at the next meeting to cover the cost of drinks]

Loeb will provide sign-in sheet for class credit, will call police about parking for buses and visitor cars, contact Richard Harrison to attend again to demonstrate boomerangs and Australian items.

Loeb will send information/publicity to Council that they can post for advertising and print others for the student officers to post.

Steckline will provide a folding display screen and items for display and books for a “read International” table.

Sharma volunteered to assist in publicity

Upcoming events:

September 24 International Welcome Party 2nd floor SUB 7-10pm

November 6 Browse on the Bayou, Schmeer will have a table and suggested an International Expo table next to her

November 9 Visiting Speaker invited by Steckline as part of International Week

Loeb gave a report on the status of the new international students- The count stands at 70, about 3 times the usual fall new admissions. The students from Nepal arrived needing more than the usual support from her office and local churches, faculty, and friends were called upon to provide assistance. Items supplied to new students until they ran out include, but are not limited to, bed pillow and sheets, bar of soap, plastic cup, plate, and utensils, laundry bag, toothbrush, hotel size soap, shampoo, plastic shower curtain, roll of toilet paper.

Next Meeting October 14, 2010 at 12:00 in room 160 of the SUB

Jim Wood, Secretary