ISAC Minutes

A meeting of the International Studies Advisory Council was held on Thursday April 19, 2012 at 4:30 in Copeland Hall 244.

Present: Amy Rundstrom, Barbara Amundson, Sylvia Asay, Diana Jones, Sonja Kropp, Ann Marie Park, Matt Mimms, Suzanne Maughan, Susan Honeyman: Special Guest Kenya Taylor

Absent: Steve Amundson, Tone Mendoza, Will Aviles

The meeting began with a discussion of scholarship issues—only two students applied for our scholarship—the same two to whom we awarded it last year. (Aurelie Outson and Yolima Rey Rosas) So we will give it to them again, but this is not a great sign for our recruitment efforts. Presumably, it will work better once we are in the computerized system. Still, we may want to recruit again during Intl Ed week and consider other alternatives. Part of the issue is that these are not really scholarships, only tuition waivers, and we are recruiting increasingly high quality students who already HAVE tuition waivers.

The next discussion topic concerned TaskStream and Assessment. We now have one student paper submitted to TaskStream for evaluation so we need for all members of ISAC also to log in to TaskStream. Lilly sent out instructions which more or less work, as well as a phone number for assistance if needed. We hope to have at least one additional paper this spring and hopefully more. So then we can create some kind of assessment report over the summer and begin to have a base line for our program review

On the topic of program review, the Council agreed that both names offered for our Team leader would be acceptable but preferred Sarah Kent as her position and university is more comparable to our own.. Lilly will send the names forward to the Vice Chancellor Bicak.

Lilly noted that the INTS 100 course for next fall already has 14 students enrolled most of whom are majors. Unfortunately, the Honors program is no longer allowing their students to take cross listed courses in GS. The course enrollment is limited to 23, but we can add another 7 if needed during SAE.

Lilly also noted that she is about to order some books for the INTS readings list and solicited suggestions. She will also plan to order the brochures before SAE.

Dr. Taylor then briefly addressed the council. She noted that she sees her job as a facilitator and will seek to provide us with whatever help we need. The Council noted that she has already been most helpful and that we are delighted to have her in the position.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15.