ISAC Minutes

A meeting of the International Studies Advisory Council was held on Thursday Sept 15, 2011 at 3:30 in Founders Hall 2147.
Present: Amy Rundstrom, Barbara Amundson, Steve Amundson, Suzanne Maughan, Diana Jones, Ann Marie Park, Susan Honeyman, Tone Mendoza, Matt Mimms, Sylvia Asay
Absent: Will Aviles, Sonja Kropp,

The meeting began by welcoming Matt Mimms as the new representative from the College of Education, replacing Glen Powell who resigned this year.

Lilly then informed all members (although she had already done so by email) that Vice Chancellor Bicak had approved the program’s APR deferral until next year. In the spring we can request an additional deferral.

The council then moved on to discuss various assessment issues: Lilly informed the council of her work with Taskstream and some questions that had come up in the process. After much discussion the Council made some changes. Specifically the number of elective papers to go in the portfolio was reduced from 4 to 3; the wording of LO 4 was changed to “Interpret the regional impact of globalization.”; the council agreed that for now the two INTS papers in the portfolio would not be assessed, but should they be assessed at some point they could be evaluated together, not separately; and an additional category for “international experiences” should be added to the portfolio. The council then approved the rubric submitted by Lilly at the previous meeting with minor changes and without targets (they will be added later).

Rundstrom informed the council that OrgSync will be an extremely important and useful way for students to document their service activities and should be coordinated with taskstream somehow.

Lilly then discussed with the council the need to make the INTS 496 into a WI course. Ideally we could create a template that could be accepted as WI and could be adapted whichever faculty member might teach it at any time. Lilly agreed to create such a template and send it to council members before submitting it to the WI committee Oct 3.

The Council then discussed ideas for participating in International Education Week (Nov 14) at some length. Ann Marie suggested that the INTS program be in Ponderosa E while Study Abroad is in C and D. Lilly suggested that as last year we create subcommittees based on our colleges to plan for the tables we will need to organize/recruit. Barbara Amundson found her notes about things to improve on from last year and promised to scan/send them to Lilly but they included the following suggestions: passport table, flags, Intl food day in Chartwells, including student orgs and clubs, and businesses engaged in international activities. We will need to get organized on this soon!

The meeting adjourned at 4:45. The next meeting will be October 13 at 3:30.