

**University Senate International Affairs Committee
Minutes from Meeting 12/09/2016**

In attendance: Celka Straughn (Chair), Melissa Birch, Susan Gronbeck-Tedesco (ex officio), and Manuela Gonzalez-Bueno (via Skype)

Excused: Seth Brooks, Alexis Jones, Kapila Silva

I. Reviewed and approved minutes from 10/27/16.

Motion to approve by Melissa Birch, seconded by Manuela Gonzalez-Bueno.

II. Develop plan and questions for 12/16/16 meeting with Amy Neufeld, Managing Director, KU Academic Accelerator Program, and Roberta Pokphanh, Academic Director, KU Academic Accelerator Program, in preparation for report to Sen Ex.

(Specific Charge 1. Continue to monitor and report on the Academic Accelerator Program and its partnership with Shorelight.)

Suggested questions from 10/27/16 meeting:

- a) How global and diverse is AAP
- b) Information on the new MA program
- c) Issues of equity with regards to other KU international students
- d) What is the relationship with Shorelight? and What are your concerns with Shorelight?
- e) What are your concerns with the AAP program?
- f) What changes and updates from last year?
- g) With persistence, are you seeing that students transfer to other universities?
- h) How can faculty find out information about AAP? Where can they find this information?
Or contact information for obtaining information?

Ask Amy and Roberta to draft initial report. Please update data from last year's report for measuring success.

Birch noted that in the Business School they haven't yet seen many students yet. When do they stop being AAP and when do they become KU international students? According to Gronbeck-Tedesco, AAP students apply once they achieve sophomore standing. They then apply to KU Schools and work with AEC. The School of Business also has coordinator type position for all students, including international students, to assist with writing and presentation skills.

III. Plans for writing AAP report.

Members decided to build from the draft provided by AAP, using their data and combining IAC committee member questions and post-interview analysis; the report will also recommend that SenEx to share report with deans and chairs.

IV. Plans for spring semester to meet other charges.

Straughn will set up meetings for every three weeks in spring semester, with perhaps one additional closer to when final report due. This will allow for various interviews. The committee can cancel meetings if not needed.

Previous committees have had short reports from international units. Some areas/questions to ask when the IAC meets with unit representatives in the spring include: key areas of work; areas of concern; major initiatives; what would be good forms for communication with IAC and KU. Some questions for when the committee meets with or contacts student organizations include: if they are getting good information; are their needs as international students being met; are they looking for further assistance/support; what are key issues for them. Members recommended that the Committee share questions in advance for those interviewing so that they can prepare in advance. It was also suggested to hold an open meeting with all student organization representatives, including their faculty advisors. As a way to connect with student organizations, it was suggested to obtain a list of advisers, then send short survey regarding issues to organizations copying advisers to encourage student input or have advisers collect the information. This email could also serve to signal to these organizations that the IAC looking to collect information and serves as a group with whom they can share concerns.

The members present further updated the contact list to proceed with interviews in the spring; the Committee can revise as necessary. (see Blackboard) When the Committee contacts Nate Thomas, Vice Provost for Diversity and Equity, we can also inquire about sharing related data from recent Campus Climate Study.

V. Announcements

So far everyone has access to the Blackboard site. It was suggested that Straughn make all committee members TAs so can upload documents.

Susan Gronbeck-Tedesco is entering phased retirement and Charlie Bankart will serve as interim associate vice provost and take her place on the IAC. He will attend 12/16 meeting and Straughn will add him to Blackboard site. According to Gronbeck-Tedesco, KU has a new initiative for combined international and national student orientation that will be implemented next year.

For next meeting, Manuela Gonzalez-Bueno will join by Skype. Following the 12/16 meeting, Straughn will update Faculty Senate President Joe Harrington with estimated date for the final report.