

Minutes: KU International Affairs Committee

Monday, March 18, 2019 | 2:00 pm | Marvin Hall 206C

Attendees: Kapila Silva (Chair); Virginia Harper Ho (faculty); Manuela Gonzales-Bueno (faculty); Billie Archer (staff); Humberto Salinas-Gomes (voting student); Charlie Bankart (ex. Officio)

Excused: Seth Brooks (staff)

Absent: Peter Okpokodu (faculty); Radhia Abdirahman (voting student)

Discussions:

1. Review/Approval of the Minutes of 03/04/2019 meeting
 - Humberto moved to approve, and Virginia seconded it.
 2. Discussion of Specific Charge 3 Write Up:
 - Humberto will send the revisions.
 3. Discussion of Specific Charge 1 Write Up:
 - The committee has reviewed the write up on specific charge 1. The report will be discussed again and be finalized when Charlie provides his feedback.
 4. Restructuring of KU International Affairs
 - Charlie discussed the recent restructuring within the KU International Affairs (KUIA). A comprehensive assessment of the inventory of KUIA units had not taken place over a decade or longer, and some of the activities related to international programs of the university were based on other units such as the Graduate School and there was overlapping of responsibilities and initiatives without proper coordination. Therefore, there was an immediate need to align KUIA activities with the strategic planning and policies of the university and to streamline the activities for better serving the internal community at the university and for effective management of limited resources. The new structure, effective from the beginning on spring 2019 semester, include nine units within KUIA. They include: International Affairs Administration; International Admissions; International Support Services; International Short Programs; Applied English Center; Academic Accelerator Program; Study Abroad & Global Engagement; International Faculty Programs; and Intercultural Learning Assessment.
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 - Charlie provided details of each unit's scope of work, which include traditional functions as well as new responsibilities. Website for KUIA is under redesigning to display the new structure.
- (a) International Affairs Administration oversees the comprehensive internationalization efforts of the KU Lawrence Campus, including strategic internationalization, agreements and partnerships, international education policy, budget oversight and management, data and reporting, public relations, delegation and events coordination, and KU Passport Center.

(b) International Admissions recruits international students and supports them in their transition to KU. It also manages the recruiting personnel abroad, communications to international students, credential evaluation, and scholarship awards.

(c) International Support Services provides immigration services to students, staff, and faculty and keep KU in compliance with federal immigration regulations, especially in a constantly changing regulatory environment. It provides immigration advising (including the changing lifecycles of immigration statuses), orientation for students and scholars, sponsored student services, Jayhawk Semester program, and federal advocacy.

(d) International Short Programs develops credit-bearing, field-specific short courses for visiting international groups. It also focuses on program budgeting and reporting, online curriculum development, grant preparation, and campus and regional partnerships.

(e) Applied English Center offers international students and scholars at all levels of English proficiency language classes to prepare them for study and research at American universities. It provides online ESL and EAP curricula, in addition to intensive, academic, and professional English training, and manage Edwards Campus programs, regional English outreach, and graduate student preparation.

(f) Academic Accelerator Program prepares international students for full-time degree programs through advising, college transition courses, and career enhancement.

(g) Study Abroad and Global Engagement develops and implements global educational and research experiences for all students and faculty on campus and abroad. Its scope also includes graduate-level programs, global scholars' program, and faculty engagement and support.

(h) International Faculty Programs helps connect the faculty to the right sources and resources within international affairs, including research travel grants, grant application assistance, and teaching resources.

(i) Intercultural Learning and Assessment develops tailored programs for students, faculty, and staff based on intercultural competency objectives, such as training HR personnel on intercultural competencies and training for multicultural research teams on collaboration. The unit has already received some requests from outside companies.

5. Educational Opportunity Fund:

- Humberto inquired about the availability of funds for international students. Charlie clarified that funds should be available to international students as well. There is likely a misunderstanding about this status among staff. It became clear that these opportunities should be communicated to international students in a clear and timely manner.

6. Meeting Adjourned at 3:10 PM