

University Senate
FY-14 International Affairs Committee
Minutes
October 25, 2013 Meeting

The FY-14 International Affairs Committee convened at 10:30 AM in 315 Strong Hall (International Programs Conference Room), Professor **Geraldo Sousa**, Chair, presiding. Members present were **Aaron Scurto**, Chemical & Petroleum Engineering; **Antha Cotten-Spreckelmeyer**, Humanities & Western Civilization; student representatives, **Zunwu Zhou** and **Haider Tarar**; ex-officio committee member, **Susan Gronbeck-Tedesco**, Associate Provost, International Programs.

Review of the Committee's Charges

The first order of business was to review the charges of the International Affairs Committee. The standing charges are (1) Hear reports on strategic planning and activities from IP units, suggest changes or new directions, and facilitate collaboration among faculty and administrative units; (2) Review and provide input on new policies that relate to international research and teaching; (3) Identify concerns or issues for discussion and action related to KU's international affairs from students, faculty, and staff. The specific charges for FY-14 are to report at the end of the year how effective the changes in this committee have been. If needed, recommend additional charges.

International Programs Report—Dr. Gronbeck-Tedesco provided a detailed report on International Programs:

1. Organizational Chart

Dr. Susan Gronbeck-Tedesco, Associate Provost, International Programs, went over the organizational chart for International Programs, and provided a detailed overview of the reporting lines and the functions of the Office of International Student Services, Office of Study Abroad, the Applied English Center, Faculty Programs, and the units under the Assistant Vice Provost and Executive Director (International Employment Services, Sponsored/Visiting Program, International Recruitment, and Undergraduate International Admissions). She also answered questions about the Office of International Programs.

2. Student (KU-affiliated) International Travel Registration Procedure/Policy

Dr. Gronbeck-Tedesco explained a new policy, to be put in place by the end of the current semester, to require all students, planning to study abroad, to register with the Office of Study Abroad. A database with the information will ensure optimal coordination of resources for and assistance, including emergency services, to both students and faculty.

3. Mapping of Study Abroad into the University Curriculum

The central question here is how to increase opportunities for KU students to study abroad, including ways for students to complete requirements for the major through study abroad through semester or year-long exchange programs, semesters abroad, or

short-term programs, such as spring break or winter break programs. For example, the question arose as to whether the KU calendar could be rethought to create a longer fall break, along the lines of spring break, enabling more short-term study abroad experiences that would be imbedded in a regular course.

4. Discussion of KU Core Curriculum Goal # 4

KU Core Curriculum defines Goal # 4 as follows: “[to] respect human diversity and expand cultural understanding and global awareness.” This goal requires two units, one of which may include “a significant study abroad experience,” which entails “an entire semester (normally at least 14 weeks) or an intense summer (normally at least 6 weeks) abroad.” The question arises as to how we might continue to support and expand existing study abroad opportunities but also to create new opportunities, including opportunities to enhance the international experience here at KU.

New Business—Dr. Gronbeck-Tedesco mentioned KU was working with Shorelight to help KU recruit international students. These students would be recruited to study for three semesters at KU. They would take courses in the Applied English Center in preparation for other coursework. This training would prepare the students for regular admission to degree programs at KU.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55.