

International Education Committee Report Academic Year 2013-2014

Change of Chair. During our first meeting in the fall, Dean Ravizza stepped down as Chair of the International Education Committee. The committee voted to have Doug DeWitt and Céline Carayon serving as co-chairs in the Fall, and then for Céline to be Chair starting in the Spring and for next academic year.

Strategic Plan. The International Education Committee began the fall Semester with providing feedback on the draft of the International Education Strategic Plan 2014-2018. Work on the Strategic Plan was the main item of action for the IEC in the fall. The committee reviewed the Plan's draft (from the Center for International Education) and provided specific feedback to Brian Stiegler. The IEC had recommendations on changes to both the organization and content of the Plan and helped determine internationalization priorities that we felt should be communicated to the administration. Reviewing the plan also led to discussions of challenges and opportunities for enhancing the various dimensions of international education at Salisbury University, for both faculty and students going abroad or not. A second revised draft of the plan was submitted by Brian Stiegler and the committee reviewed it and commented on it further. The draft will be published this summer.

Perdue partnerships abroad. The committee got to hear from Olivier Roche about two new partnerships developed by the Perdue School of Business in Hong Kong. We heard about the type of joint-programs being designed to provide our students with increased study abroad opportunities while forging relationships with recognized institutions abroad and bringing international students to campus. These two partnerships are with Hong Kong Baptist University and with Hong Kong Polytechnic University. The Provost signed both agreements. The role of the committee on these agreements was unclear but seemed mainly to be advisory in nature. This raised questions about the role of the committee in the creation of new MOUs (Memorandum of Understanding).

Grant reviews and awards. In the fall, the committee also reviewed grant applications and awarded two International Programs Grants to faculty projects "seeking to create or expand an international initiative at Salisbury University that directly involves students" in the amount of \$2,000 each. The awardees were: 1) Tami Ransom (ENVR), Ron Gutberlet (BIOL), Reema Persad-Clem (BIOL) for "Wildlife Conservation in Trinidad, West Indies" and 2) Douglass DeWitt (ED SPECIALTIES), Lori DeWitt (CMAT), for "Education Abroad: Faith and Globalization LLC." Full grant call for proposal can be found at: http://www.salisbury.edu/intled/SUCIEinfo/international_programs_grants.html

Committee's Mission and By-laws review. In the spring, the committee found itself without a specific agenda item from the Senate. It was suggested that the committee discuss its own priorities and design its own agenda for the next couple of years and our spring meetings have focused on reviewing the initial Senate charge/by-laws and outline new items of action for the future. Céline met with Brian to hear about some areas of internationalization that the Center for International Education felt warranted discussion or action. Four main areas were outlined: 1) Faculty engagement with and concerns about International students in the classroom; 2) Global Learning, especially study abroad semester-long components and integration of returning study abroad students and international students with the

community at SU; 3) Global Faculty Mobility (visiting scholars and opportunities for SU faculty); 4) Internationalization of our Graduate Programs. Results from this discussion were communicated to the committee and members were asked to provide comments and suggestions on the role of the committee. Brian answered specific questions that the committee had on how certain aspects of internationalization on campus (from housing for international students, to admission criteria and process for SU students studying abroad, transfer of credits, etc.). The main accomplishment of the committee this spring has thus been to start reflecting on and defining a more active role for the committee as the voice of the Faculty, especially in regards to the academic dimensions of increasing international activity of the University (curriculum, faculty and student research, international scholars, advising and credit transfers, etc). The IEC suggested that an internationalization workshop or interest session be integrated to Faculty Development Day in the Fall 2014 and to continue promoting better information about international matters to the faculty at large. Committee members were asked to send in their suggestions for priorities and actions for the upcoming academic year to the Chair. Going into the fall 2014, the IEC will work to redefine the committee's mission and establish a short list of priorities for action, especially in regards to coordinating specifically academic dimensions of international activities at SU.