Minutes of the UIEC meeting on October 13, 2008.

Members Present: Eugene Alcalay, Donna Anderson, Jelena Gagula (student member for this year), Rebecca Gottlieb, Yuanyuan Hu, Miyeon Kwon, Mike Momot, Susan Morris, Sue Price. Also Barb Daus. Guests: Patrick Hagen, Edina Haslauer.

I. Patrick called the meeting to order and announced that from now on Beth Vaassen should receive copies of all agendas and minutes.

II. A) He immediately resigned as chair of the committee, due to his new responsibilities as chair of the Humanities Department.
   B) We thanked Patrick for his hard work.
   C) Sue Price was elected (by acclaim) as the new chair.
   D) The next two meetings will be Monday, November 17, and Monday, December 8, both at 4pm.

III. Old Business
   A) Follow-up from 2008 Convocation on Integrating International Education into our curriculum:
   1. Donna has results (and passed around copies) from the surveys which faculty in each college took as part of the afternoon break-out sessions.
      a) The survey results will be posted (if privacy rules permit this).
      b) Barb will request space on the “S” drive for the survey results and other documents.
   2. Parallel surveys are being given in Intro to College Life and Engineering 101 courses, in order to collect similar data about student perceptions of learning abroad.
   3. A survey was also given at the Career Fair. Results are forthcoming.
   B) The white paper on Diversity was tabled, as Tom LoGuidice was not present. Barb informed the committee about recruiting efforts for students with F1 Visas (one of the subjects previously discussed).
      • Jennie Fitzsimons (formerly Morgan) has an LTE position in Admissions for “Special Populations.” She devotes ten hours per week to International admissions.
      • UWP maintains a relationship with WESLI (Wisconsin English as a Second Language Institute) in Madison. Students may earn dual admissions. Students from WESLI have arranged visits to our campus (similar to Pioneer Preview).
      • International Students other than those from one-to-one exchange programs are eligible for a tuition waiver of $2,500/semester, comparable to the TSI fee remission.

IV. New Business
   A) Donna has been meeting with the International Program Coordinators from each college. (This “working group” includes: Susan Hansen, Lisa Riedle, Laura Anderson and Wally Iselin, as well as Jean Olson, Julie Clark, Russ Braby and Donna herself.)
      • We discussed how we might improve communication between the UIEC and the program coordinators from the colleges.
B) 1. Peer reviewers from the Forum on Education Abroad will be on campus today and tomorrow. This “Forum” has been designated by the Justice Department (?) to improve and maintain standards for learning abroad.
   - This evaluation is part of a Quality Improvement Process (QUIP).
   - Only programs within the Institute for Study Abroad are being evaluated, but the same model could be used for one-to-one exchanges and/or short-term programs.
   - Their report will be available to the committee.

2. Oversight and program review
   - The peer reviewers may have recommendations about increased oversight (for the semester programs run by ISA).
   - Does our committee (probably in combination with other academic committees) need greater enforcement or oversight authority? This question could apply to one-to-one and short-term as well as the semester programs.
   - Currently there is no consistency in who reviews various types of programs.

C) Eugene is recruiting a pianist from Honduras. This potential undergraduate has a financial problem which may be typical of students from less affluent parts of the world: He is not eligible for aid (e.g. Music department scholarships) until he has been admitted, but cannot obtain the visa to be admitted without financial verification (a Federal requirement).
   - Community support might be available. If a host family agrees to provide housing, those costs (room or even room & board) may be deducted from the total to be “verified.”
   - Check on whether students must be admitted or just admissible to qualify for specific scholarships.

D) Edina Haslauer requested the committee’s input on the proposed syllabus for ELL Field Experience/Teaching 7700.
   1. Edina provided some background for the committee about the ELL licensure, a certification program for those already teaching, and the DPI guidelines which mandate a cultural immersion experience.
      - They have tried to provide opportunities within the US, but want an option abroad as well.
      - Currently the syllabus includes a text for pre-departure reading and some preliminary sessions, a reflective journal, a home-stay component, a work experience in a school setting, and a synthesis essay.
   2. The committee suggested making the course more rigorous, listing the pre-requisites, specifying the length of “other” sessions, and possibly including additional sessions.

E) The OPID Grant was also tabled.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10pm. Our next meeting is Monday, November 17, at 4pm, probably in 447 Gardner Hall.

Respectfully submitted by: Rebecca Gottlieb