

**International Education Committee
Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 10, 2007 – Room E2148**

Members Present:

Tim Benson, Boyd Dallos, Adrienne Dinneen, Hanna Erpestad, Jim Drake, Tommaso Forosetti, Wade Gordon, Stacy Johnston, Michele Keane.

Discussion:

1. Director of Diversity. The new Director of Diversity, Wade Gordon, was introduced and explained his role re: international education at LSC.
2. Fulbright Scholar. Dean Hanna Erpestad informed the committee that LSC is hosting a Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence, Dr. Daniel Stavárek, during Spring Semester. Dr. Stavárek has been an assistant professor and associate professor at the School of Business Administration of the Silesian University in Karviná since 2001. Dr. Stavárek will be teaching an international business practices course and assisting with bringing a global perspective to course curriculum and connecting with the local community.
3. China. Dean Erpestad gave an update on exchange opportunities with China. Complications have developed regarding the summer conference and the exchange program being planned. Dean Erpestad will keep the committee updated.
4. Italy. Boyd Dallos gave an update on the exchange program with Italy. Fourteen students are signed up for the semester in Italy program, and will be travelling to Italy in January. The semester runs from January 22 - April 20, 2008. For further information, contact Boyd Dallos at b.dallos@lsc.edu (733-5963).
5. Mexico. Dr. Tim Benson gave an update on the exchange program with Mexico. The Spring Break trip to Oaxaca, Mexico is planned for March 8-15, 2008. Students can earn from nine to eleven credits. The trip will include a guided walking city tour, artisan villages tour, a service learning component, and many other exciting opportunities. The program is starting to plan and market for the semester trip to Mexico in the fall of 2008. For further information, contact Tim Benson at t.benson@lsc.edu (733-2104) or Michele Keane at m.keane@lsc.edu (733-5961).
6. International Student Guidebook. Tommaso Forosetti reported that the Intercultural Center has completed a guidebook for international students. The guidebook includes tips and information on housing, banking, transportation, etc. ICC plans to post the guidebook on the LSC website. The committee discussed the benefits of also creating a guidebook for international faculty.
7. Global Competence Certificate. Dean Erpestad reported that a task force is meeting to study the viability of offering a Global Competence Certificate at LSC. She will keep the committee informed of the task force's recommendations.
8. Study Abroad Brochure. The committee discussed the need for a quality brochure to promote the study abroad programs. Committee members will work with Gary Kruchowski to determine what resources are available with the LSC Department of Public Information. Dean Erpestad mentioned the possibility of using an Award for Excellence in creating such a brochure. The committee reiterated the need for an International Coordinator, who could provide support in areas such as brochures and marketing, recruiting, financial aid, visas, housing, orientation, etc.
9. Budget. Dean Erpestad will bring budget information to the next committee meeting.
10. Spring Semester Meetings. The date and time for committee meetings during spring semester will be determined in January.