

**International Education Committee
Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 10, 2007 – Room S2984**

Members Present:

Eric Brandt, Boyd Dallos, Adrienne Dinneen, Jim Drake, Tommaso Forosetti, Susan Hartley, Stacy Johnston, Michele Keane.

Discussion:

1. Minneapolis Community & Technical College is facilitating a spring semester study abroad in Alajuela, Costa Rica. Informational brochures are available for anyone interested in learning more about this program.
2. A copy of the magazine *International Educator* is in the CTL lounge on the third floor.
3. Boyd Dallos gave an update on the exchange program with Italy. Tommaso Forosetti is at LSC this semester teaching language classes and acting as the interim director of the Intercultural Center. The program is also looking into opportunities to bring Italian exchange students to LSC. In the Spring of 2008, LSC will return to Florence for the Semester in Italy program. This program is a wonderful opportunity for anyone that wants to experience first-hand the history, art, culture and beauty of Italy. For further information, contact Boyd Dallos at b.dallos@lsc.edu (733-5963).
4. Michele Keane gave an update on the exchange program with Mexico. Over Spring Break (March 8-15, 2008) students, faculty and staff can participate in an instructor led, learning community experience studying and traveling to Oaxaca, Mexico. The trip will include a guided walking city tour, artisan villages tour, service learning component, and many other exciting opportunities. For further information, contact Tim Benson at t.benson@lsc.edu (733-2104) or Michele Keane at m.keane@lsc.edu (733-5961).
5. The committee discussed ideas regarding housing at LSC. Housing options would be extremely beneficial to the exchange programs. Options to collaborate housing with educational opportunities (for example a hotel/motel management or culinary arts program) were discussed. Boyd Dallos will bring the committee's ideas to Dean Lisa Larson.
6. The committee discussed the need for a full time position to coordinate and direct international efforts to diversify course work and offerings at LSC as well as increase faculty/student exchange opportunities. A job description was drafted last year. The committee plans to renew the request for this position.
7. Jim Drake recently attended the International Business Institute for Community College Faculty. This biennial conference is held at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan. The conference is attended by faculty from across the nation. The agenda focused on the economics of international connections via business and education. The conference was a valuable learning experience. Jim hopes to share information from the conference at a brown bag lunch or similar forum.
8. Michele Keane gave an update on exchange opportunities with China. Dorian Beaulieu is requesting feedback on a proposal for a ceramics course in China. Michele will email the information to the group.

The next meeting is Monday, October 8, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. in E2148