



Internationalization Committee Meeting
June 5, 2007
Abbotsford Campus A225
Approved Meeting Notes

Present: T Arroliga Piper, J Andersen, M Bos Chan, V Chappel, K Davidson, E Davis, S Fujimoto, V Hughes, J Potts, L Sasaki, G Spurling, K Stinson, L Tielmann
Chair: S Piper
Recorder: M Rickaby

1. a) Approval of IC Agenda

Motion:

To approve the June 5, 2007 Agenda

K Davidson, L Tielmann

b) Approval of IC Minutes (amended)

Motion:

To approve the minutes of May 8, 2007

Adopted

2. Discussion items

a) Multifaith Space (Prayer Room)

A number of new international students are coming from Muslim countries, Saudi Arabia, Dubai, etc. Interest from these countries is increasing and we are expecting a much larger number of Muslim students. The issue of a multifaith space on campus was discussed. Currently, some students have been seen using the stairways to conduct their prayers.

Q: What do other universities provide for their students?

Suggestion: This issue needs more research.

Recommendation: the IC reports this concern to the Academic VP for consideration.

b) Discussion on documents previously distributed previously by email

- IE Response to the Internationalization Task Force
- A Decentralized Model for Internationalization at UCFV

c) Membership, elections and appointments

Stephen has emailed a number of members who have not attended meetings to determine if they will remain on the committee. Areas that have vacancies need to be filled. Stephen will ask department heads to appoint a representative in these areas.

d) Ranking of IC top priorities

- Further discussion around the issues of who the IC reports to. The UCFV structure is currently undergoing change. The new structure may affect where the IC is placed.
- Review of document "Priorities: For Discussion"

Update from international education

K Stinson

-IE is in the process of developing a number of new information items that will be posted on the web.

(new post) http://www.ucfv.ca/international/MOUs/Web_MOUs_per_country.pdf

-IE is in support of faculty and staff PD event to further develop international understanding

-group of UCFV Mandarin students are traveling to China the end of August for 2 weeks, sponsored by a Chinese partner

-international students have opportunities to better integrate in to the Abbotsford community through ongoing IE programs and activities

e) Facilitating credit for overseas learning

Shell courses need to be developed to facilitate credits for UCFV students planning to study abroad. More opportunities are becoming available as MOU's are developed. The One World Scholarship will help provide students with the funds to participate although students need to know about UCFV credits towards their programs.

f) International Studies Centre (ICS)

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Meeting adjourned 3:00pm

Next IC meeting will be on Tuesday September 11th 1-3pm Room A225 Abbotsford.