



Internationalization Committee Meeting

April 10, 2007

Abbotsford Campus A225

Approved Meeting Notes

Present: T Arroliga Piper, J Andersen, E Davis, S Edwards, P Franklin, S Fujimoto, V Hughes, K Lawrence, S Piper, J Potts, N Senn, G Spurling, K Stinson.

Recorder: M Rickaby

1. a) Approval of IC Agenda

Motion:

To approve the April 10, 2007 Agenda

N Senn/G Spurling

b) Approval of IC Minutes

Motion:

To approve the minutes of February 13, 2007

J Potts/G Spurling

Note: March 13th meeting did not meet quorum.

**2. ICDS Proposal**

S Piper

A Proposal for a Minor, Extended Minor, and Major in International and Community Development Studies was presented. The latest revision of the proposal is available on line at: [http://www.ucfv.ca/arts/ICDS\\_Proposal.htm](http://www.ucfv.ca/arts/ICDS_Proposal.htm) . Concern was expressed that the language requirement for the Major might make the degree unattainable for some students. It was clarified that this is a requirement for graduation and not admission and that students might acquire language skills during the overseas practicum component of the program. Stephen agreed to revise the description of the language requirement to indicate that the language could be acquired in a variety of ways and not only by taking courses at UCFV. Other questions were raised about the 2 practica required for the program and about the considerable workload involved in arranging and supervising them. Stephen noted that at Menno Simons College, which is one of the few IDS programs in the country to have a mandatory practicum, students must arrange their own placements. Even so, Menno Simons has a full time practicum director. He suggested that the clusters of employees with contacts in different world regions who were identified in the recent employee survey could be a resource base for identifying practicum opportunities for students. It was recommended that the practica include a discussion and analysis component, which could take place electronically. It was also suggested that we check regulations for loans, etc. to ensure that the practica satisfy the requirements and that we might resolve some problems by incorporating a post-practicum classroom component.

**Motion:** That the Internationalization Committee supports and approves the Proposal for a Minor, Extended Minor, and Major in International and Community Development Studies.

**Carried.**

**Jim Andersen/Teresa Arróliga-Piper**

### **3. SAPEF (Stand Alone Public Engagement Fund)**

J Potts

UCFV's Institute for International Cooperation and Community Development and UCFV International will launch "Creating a Child Friendly World: Risk and Harm Reduction". The primary purpose of this major initiative will be to:

- increase the awareness, understanding and engagement of Canadians in international development issues and programs;
- increase support for Canada's international assistance program and for international efforts to protect children and reduce global poverty; and
- create opportunities for meaningful participation in international development activities – in particular for UCFV's students and faculty and for the development and community service partners UCFV works with in the Fraser Valley.

This project will involve UCFV students, faculty, and local communities in global issues of importance. Program areas will include ECE/Youth and Childcare, School of Social Work, Geography, Anthropology, Sociology, the School of Criminal Justice, the International & Community Development Studies Program and the Indo-Canadian Studies Centre.

Activities for this project will include a series of public Community Forums and a major Regional Forum over the next 18 months.

### **4. HELP UC (Higher Education Learning Programme)**

J Potts

UCFV has signed an MOU agreement with HELP University College in Kuala Lumpur Malaysia. This agreement will facilitate student exchange between UCFV and HELP. Skip Bassford and John Potts will visit HELP during their 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary and Convocation on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **5. One World and Pacific Horizons Scholarship**

J Potts

These new scholarship programs have been announced through the Provincial Government.

[http://www.aved.gov.bc.ca/studentaidbc/specialprograms/irvingkbarber/international\\_scholarships.htm](http://www.aved.gov.bc.ca/studentaidbc/specialprograms/irvingkbarber/international_scholarships.htm)

These scholarships are to encourage university students to study and travel abroad to further their studies. Students who meet the criteria can be eligible for scholarships from \$1000 to \$3000. Applications and information are available through the Financial Aid department.

### **6. P.D. Event**

There has been a suggestion of holding a PD event for UCFV faculty and staff about Islamic culture. The first week in May was considered but will not work as it is the new student orientation week for summer semester international students. International Education will be using the Theatre all week.

There is a definite need to offer workshops to help faculty better understand the dynamics of internationalization in the classroom and curriculum. Suggested time, is during the orientation for new faculty. This idea would need to be brought up with Employee Services.

Another suggestion is to give choices of 4 or 5 topics for international training for departments to incorporate in their department retreats. This could be a short segment of their retreat and would be a topic of their choice.

Malaspina is offering a week long conference, Internationalizing the Curriculum Academy, May 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>. <http://www.mala.ca/ica/index.asp>

#### **7. UCFV Internationalization TASK Force**

tabled to next meeting

Meeting adjourned 3pm

Unfinished business will be continued at the next meeting:

1:00 – 3:00 pm, Tuesday May 8, 2007 , Room A225