



## Internationalization Committee

February 12, 2008 1:00 pm A225

### Minutes

**Present:** J Andersen, D Bartlette, M Bos-Chan, A Cameron, V Cooke (Chair),  
E Davis, S Edwards, S Fujimoto, J Potts, L Sasaki, G Spurling,  
K Stinson  
**Recorder:** M Rickaby  
**Guests:** Summer Pervez

1. Approval of Agenda  
Motion: To approve the February 12, 2008 agenda as presented. Carried
2. Approval of Internationalization minutes  
Motion: To approve the January 22, 2008 minutes. Carried
3. Revised policy J Potts  
The working group met and made some revisions to the policy. The revised policy was discussed and further minor revisions were suggested 1) to eliminate redundancy and 2) to designate the “Policy Holder” as UCC. These changes will be made before the policy is sent to UCC for approval.  
Motion: A Cameron 2<sup>nd</sup> G Spurling  
To approve policy proposal with the understanding that the procedures and guidelines will be developed and brought back to this committee. Carried
4. Internationalization and “safety” for international students K Stinson  
Karola gave a report on a recent incident involving a racial comments being written on walls in Baker House. Administration responded to this incident immediately. Skip wrote a letter to the embassy and participated in a conference call to inform the embassy of details and actions being taken. This is an opportunity to provide an on campus cultural learning event.  
Discussion around how to bring more cultural awareness for students, staff and faculty and what needs to be accomplished. Suggestions included:
  - PD cultural event on campus – an “international night” perhaps?
  - PD day devoted at least in part to ethical issues that arise in classes and the constructive ways that faculty might respond
  - Involve more Canadian students with international student activities
  - Plan an event that will also involve the Abbotsford community
  - Offer an international PD trip for faculty and staff
  - Assure an Arabic speaker is available to international students (currently being worked on)
  - Change the recruiting strategies for homestay families
  - Regular reports from the Internationalization Committee to UCC in order to raise awareness of the need for inclusion
  - Increased security in the student residences

S Fujimoto commented that: the international department is well organized and welcoming for new and current international students, providing students with many important resources. Recent Student Life leadership conference offered important cultural training. More participation from Canadian students is needed.

E Davis: This type of issue should be brought to the Institutional Ethics committee.

5. E Davis provided report from International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Ottawa. Notes on the IDRC – AUCC Policy Dialogue on Recognition and Reward of Canadian University Faculty involved in International Research Collaboration for Development.
  - a. Summary includes point of the need to connect internationalization to the academic plan. Currently Malaspina and TRU have training programs for faculty.
6. **Roundtable**
  - a. **S Edwards:** Korean student program in Chilliwack was successful. Negotiations are in progress for the group returning this year.  
-The nursing department has an internationalization group. They are in the process of writing terms of reference
  - b. **S Fujimoto:** the next SAPEF forum is on February 25<sup>th</sup>  
<http://www.ucfv.ca/international/CIDA.htm> A reminder to everyone that Stephen Lewis and Hugh Brody are speaking on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Tickets can be purchased from the international education office or from Ticket Master.  
[http://www.ucfv.ca/MarCom/newsroom/Stephen\\_Lewis\\_at\\_UCFV\\_March\\_8\\_2008.htm](http://www.ucfv.ca/MarCom/newsroom/Stephen_Lewis_at_UCFV_March_8_2008.htm)
  - b. **A Cameron:** MOLA organizes and sponsors ongoing cultural events and activities, including language lunches, Salsa dancing, etc, at University House that are available to all UCFV students.

Meeting adjourned: 2:45

Next meeting : March 11, 2008 1pm

Note: Room Change to A421