



Internationalization Committee Meeting

Tuesday January 16, 2007

Abbotsford Campus A225

Approved meeting notes

Present: J Andersen, V Chappell, Y Dandurand, K Davidson, P Franklin, S Fujimoto, V Hughes, C Ugalde, S Piper, L Sasaki, M Bos-Chan, K Stinson

Recorder: M Rickaby

1. a) Approval of IC Agenda

Motion:

To approve the January 16th agenda

P Franklin/J Andersen

b) Approval of IC Minutes

IC Draft Minutes: November 7th, 2006

Attachment 1

Motion:

To approve the minutes of November 7th, 2006

J Andersen/L Sasaki

Note: December 5, 2006 meeting was cancelled.

2. News/Information items

a) International Interest Survey

S Piper

Survey has been reposted on UCFV Today. All faculty and staff are encouraged to fill out this survey. To date there have been 100 responses.

b) CIDA SAPEF application: Creating a Child Friendly World: Risk and Harm Reduction

S Piper

John Potts has made an enormous effort in coordinating a grant application to CIDA's Stand Alone Public Engagement Fund. The application from UCFV's Institute for International Cooperation and Community Development and UCFV International proposes a series of community forums leading up to a regional forum in February 2008. Keynote speakers are expected to be Hugh Brody and Stephen Lewis. Many UCFV departments and community partners will be involved.

3. Reports

a) International education

K Stinson

- applications from potential new international students have increased
- expect a large number of new students for the Fall 07 intake
- IE is looking into new markets including Nigeria, Bangladesh, Russia, Jordan, etc.
- Credential evaluation challenge for A & R as students come from new areas. Thanks for hard work and collaboration to resolving issues.
- Expect to double current number of international students by 2010
- Marketing strategy is shifting to further develop partnerships, articulations, and linkages.
- Area of student exchanges, study abroad expanding
- IE is working with the Career Centre for further development of international internships and co-op opportunities

- Premier's visit to China was very successful. A number of new MOU's were signed.
- IE visited schools in China that graduate Chinese students with BC Dogwood. They are interested in sending students to UCFV.
- World Trade Conference Centre Hotel in China is looking for Canadian co-op students and interns to work in the hotel to share Western cultural experience with staff and guests.
- IE hosting Suzuka University Volleyball team from Japan Feb 2-8. Group will be based in Chilliwack and shuttled to the Abbotsford campus, due to lack of classroom space in Abbotsford. This group is working directly with athletics in Abbotsford.
- IE staff PD event Muslim Culture February 19th.
- China tour offered to Canadian students studying Mandarin. Cost to students will be for the airfare, all other expenses will be covered. Tour will be 2-3 weeks long in July 07.
- Int Ed advisor, Simon Xi is visiting public and private schools in the Fraser Valley to inform international high school students about UCFV programs.
- Existing IE programs:
 - new student Winter orientation 4 days includes English Language and Math testing. Various faculty members and student groups (BASA, CISSA) gave brief presentations to the new students.
 - Volunteer program (currently 70 students participating)
 - 50 international students have applied for their off-campus work permits
 - first annual report submitted to the CIC for the off-campus work permit program
 - conversation partners (International students (30) matched with Canadian students (24)
 - student leaders (all new international students are assisted by a student leader for their first semester)
 - over 200 attended the annual Christmas dinner/dance at the Rancho
 - weekly ongoing activities include ski trips, trip to the Rockies, Bubble tea event, swing dance lessons, basketball challenges, etc

Q. Are we monitoring retention rates?

A. Retention in academic programs is good. ESL students move on to academic. New international students are coming to UCFV with higher levels of English.

Comment: Faculty to improve tolerance or better accommodate international students in the classroom.

Suggestion: PD event in cross cultural sensitivity emphasizing diversity and multiculturalism.

Cross-cultural campus climate will also improve as more Canadian students study overseas.

b) Subcommittees/Working Groups:

1. Financial – Vi Chappell
 - group has been working on report. Report will be available soon.
 - Vi would like to give up her position as Chair of this committee. Looking for a volunteer.
2. Linkages – John Potts Attachment 2
 - Academic Linkages paper was distributed by email prior to the meeting. Please forward comments to John.
3. Academic/Student success – Paul Franklin
 - group will meet once more before a report is submitted to the committee.

Adjourned 3pm