



Internationalization Committee Meeting
March 11, 1:00, Room A421
Minutes

Present: J Andersen, S Bains, D Bartlette, A Cameron, M Bos-Chan, V Cooke (chair)
Y Dandurand, S Fujimoto, V Hughes, K Lawrence, J Potts, G Spurling, K Stinson,
R Tickner

Guest: Summer Pervez

1. Approval of agenda
Motion to approve the March 11th agenda as presented. Carried

2. Minutes from February meeting
Motion: To approve the February 12th minutes Carried

3. Follow-up from suggestions made at the February meeting:
 - a. Possible P.D. Event suggestions:
 - include ethical issues that come up in the classrooms
 - ask employee services if they would be willing to assist and support a UCFV wide PD event
 - organize a 1 day event started off by a thought leader and have breakout groups for further topics, could include workshop on study tours and field schools
 - advertise to students that “diversity is taught here” perhaps in a poster, listing the current courses that include topics such as antiracism, diversity, cross cultural communication, etc.

A subcommittee will be formed to include S Bains, R Tickner, K Stinson, and 1 student representative to work on a plan. **Action**
 - b. Process and form of reporting to UCC
Virginia will submit a report to UCC about the activity of the Internationalization Committee **Action**

Information items:

- AUCC,s Technical Cooperation Division will be hosting, on March 26th, an information session about learning more about engaging in international technical cooperation project opportunities.
- CBIE information www.scholarships.gc.ca about GSEP Graduate Student Exchange Program and SUSEP College and Undergraduate Student exchange Program.
- The SAPEF forums are now finished. Attendance for the Stephen Lewis and Hugh Brody event was 1000. Attendance at the final forum on March 11th was 350. Special thanks to the organizers, John Potts, Ahseea Ahmed, Shige Fujimoto, the committee and the international student volunteers.
- UCFV International nominated the “Volunteer to Work” program for the Abbotsford Community Services Cultural Diversity Awards.

- International student volunteers will be part of a reception welcoming the Premier on Friday March 14th. They will be dressed in their country's traditional clothing.
4. Report on current partnership proposals
 - a. (to follow)
 5. Discussion: suggestions to take to the April admin meeting on internationalization

The internationalization committee members have been waiting for an Admin meeting devoted to International issues in order to review their terms of reference. In order to contribute ideas for that meeting, members were asked to suggest the role that the Internationalization Committee might play.

A review of the roles of internationalization committees from other Universities was presented. These included a variety of tasks from facilitating internationalization to developing the international strategic plan to reviewing and suggesting curriculum.

Committee members made the following suggestions:

Support & review? of new and internationally focused proposals

Educate faculty on the need for internationalization

Help to develop a strategic plan for internationalization

Conduct an environmental scan of internationalization across UCFV

Promote internationalization in teaching and learning: identifying workshops that are needed

Develop protocols:

For faculty participation in international projects

For a faculty fund

For student exchange agreements

For MOU's with international partners

For international study tours and field schools

Articulate for faculty used to working within departments what the larger picture might be for international participation

Publicize international events, exchanges, partnerships, opportunities, etc.

Suggest and/or help to plan P.D. events, especially "internationalization" days

Create subcommittees to aid with registration and admission of international students

Promote student mobility

Help to identify the need for curriculum changes and development of courses, perhaps aiding in the development of a credential in international studies

Bring issues of racism to the table

Some members noted that as UCFV grows it will be necessary to have a centralized location for all international information for faculty and students, for example the process for students to study abroad, for visiting scholars, faculty exchanges, etc. This could also avoid duplication of services and program development.

The question was raised as to who is responsible for “internationalizing” the institution, and what lines of responsibility would be established for various functions. The upcoming Admin meeting might help to clarify some of these questions.

6. Priority items for the Committee: spring and fall tabled

7. Roundtable: reports tabled

Meeting adjourned: 2:55

Next meeting: April 10, 2008

Room B203 1pm