



Internationalization Committee Meeting

May 8, 2007

Abbotsford Campus A225

Approved Meeting Notes

Present: T Arroliga Piper, J Andersen, M Bos Chan, V Chappel, K Davidson, P Franklin, S Fujimoto, J Potts, G Spurling, K Stinson, R Tickner, L Tielmann
Chair: S Piper
Recorder: M Rickaby
Regrets: G Choy, Y Dandurand, E Davis, D Hudson, V Hughes, K Lawrence, L Sasaki

1. a) Approval of IC Agenda

Motion:

To approve the May 8, 2007 Agenda

G Spurling/J Potts

b) Approval of IC Minutes

Motion:

To approve the minutes of April 10, 2007

T Piper/G Spurling

2. Role and direction of the IC

Earlier this year at the request of Dianne Common, VP Academic, a Task Force on Internationalization was established and directed to make recommendations regarding the internationalization process at UCFV. The task force was guided in its deliberations by a set of 12 questions generated by Yvon Dandurand (Attachment 1). The mandate of the task force overlaps the terms of reference of the Internationalization Committee (<http://www.ucfv.ca/ucc/IC.htm>). Question 2 on the task force's list actually deals with the role and terms of reference of the Internationalization Committee. Stephen advised the committee members that he thought it appropriate that they should have some input into these discussions, but that if they had any opinions, they should make them known now, because the task force could deliver its report at any time.

A lengthy discussion ensued in which many opinions were expressed, some of which are summarized below:

- The IC terms of reference confuse governance and management advisory roles. The IC should be limited to one or the other.
- It is not necessary to separate governance and management advisory roles. Focusing on one or the other leaves us with too little knowledge to advise on either.
- The IC's problems are due to low and inconsistent attendance.
- The IC is intended to be an advisory committee but it has not been consulted by any of the UCFV departments that have international activities or concerns.
- The IC should be proactive. Members should fulfill their responsibility to communicate with their areas and be active promoters of internationalization in general and take specific action in their areas. The terms of reference should be revised so that the membership is inclusive of people who have a genuine interest in

internationalization, will attend meetings and participate in the business of the committee.

- If the task force is now deliberating we should wait for its recommendations and be guided by them.
- The IC is no more dysfunctional than other committees which seem to have become vehicles for the dissemination of information rather than forums for discussion.
- Last fall the IC began to identify international issues at UCFV; we should prioritize the list and start to tackle a few of the most urgent ones.

Action:

IC members are invited to continue this discussion by email and to submit recommendations to Stephen who will pass them on to the task force.

Action:

There is an urgent need to create mechanisms (“shell courses”) for the recognition of transfer credit for study abroad. Stephen, Geoff, Paul, Leanne and Karola will work on this.

3. English Language Proficiency Policy Review

Concerned members of the ASAC (Assessment Services Advisory Committee--formerly Flexible Assessment) agreed to form a sub-committee to clarify issues and concerns with the ELPP and report back to ASAC with recommendations as to how/if ASAC could advise senior management about the necessity for the creation of a permanent review group that could report directly to Dianne.

Discussion:

- As the ELPP applies in particular to international students and may affect recruitment and retention, the IC should know about the policies and any changes to them.
- The IC should be represented on this subcommittee and any permanent review committee that comes out of it.

Action:

Stephen will ask the subcommittee chair, Sue Brigden, to present the subcommittee’s recommendations to the IC, while there is still time for input.

4. SAPEF Update

Update and agenda for upcoming meeting May 16th was distributed electronically.

Meeting adjourned 3:10pm

Next IC meeting will be on Tuesday June 5th 1-3pm Room A225 Abbotsford.
This will be the final meeting until September.