

**Internationalization Committee Meeting**  
**Tuesday June 13, 2006 – D215**  
**Abbotsford Campus**  
**Approved Meeting Notes**

Present: J Andersen, G Anderson, M Bos-Chan, A Cameron, R Chambers, E Davis,  
E Dennis, S Edwards, P Franklin, N Fujimoto, D Hudson, S Piper,  
L Sasaki, G Spurling, K Stinson R Tickner D Wyatt.

Regrets: W Welsh

Recorder: Michelle Rickaby

Greg Anderson chaired the first part of the meeting.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1.1 Agenda approved.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING NOTES

2.1 Meeting notes approved

1<sup>st</sup> Geoffrey Spurling

2<sup>nd</sup> Maria Bos Chan

Carried

3. IC BUSINESS

3.1 Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Stephen Piper elected as Chair.

Doug Hudson elected Vice Chair.

3.2 Election of Recorder

Michelle Rickaby volunteered to be recorder.

3.3 Set Meeting Schedule for 2006-2007

Committee members decided to schedule the IC meetings for

Week 2 2:30-4:30pm

Room TBC

3.4 Membership Vacancies

1. Lindsay Sasaki expressed that the Career Centre wants to be included but currently does not fit under the areas represented. Greg Anderson stated that the intention of the IC is to be inclusive to departments who are interested. According to the terms of reference the IC is empowered to approve additional members. Career Centre will be included.

3.5 Discussion of material circulated at May 11 meeting

3.5.1 IC/UCFV Strategic Plan

All members have read this document. As UCC has approved this document IC will adopt as is.

### 3.5.2 IC International Education Overview

At the last meeting Karola gave an excellent review of this material.

### 3.5.3 IC Terms of Reference

All members have read this document. As UCC has approved this document IC will adopt as is.

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## 4.1 Statement of purpose and values

A round table discussion identified some ideas and priorities of the committee.

- Internationalization of the curriculum  
There is a lot more to internationalization than just to do with recruiting international students. Internationalization needs to involve all UCFV students, faculty, and staff. All UCFV students can have international opportunities.
- There are a number of international opportunities already available and the IC should be aware of opportunities that are in place now. For example there are existing opportunities for TESL students to complete practica overseas.  
This committee can be a clearing house for communicating ideas and an engine for supporting ideas.
- We need coordination of information of what's going on in the institution. There are many ongoing initiatives, linkages, study abroad tours, guest speakers, offered by various departments.
- Suggestion, can the collection of information be available on a website?
- There are many prospects and problems that can arise. This committee needs to define and focus its energies. Subcommittees will be very useful. These committees should not duplicate what the International Education department is already doing.
- This committee could lobby Administration for funding, to expand study abroad opportunities, student exchanges, etc.
- Work needs to be done for Canadian students who study abroad to get course credits.
- We should explore more opportunities for student exchanges and study abroad. We need to help students build bridges into cultures.
- Many Canadian students are interested in travel abroad. The Career Centre is exploring international Co-op opportunities.

- There should be credit for individual overseas travel. Need to more fully integrate various activities with each other: teaching, research, international and local development activities, international students, study abroad, and faculty exchange.
- Revenue is expected to grow with an increase of International students and contract training. The job of the IC will be to set up procedures and involve more of UCFV to internationalize.
- There are many non cost ways to internationalize for example lecture series, establishing curriculum clusters, workshops, etc.
- Internationalization should expose and sensitize staff and faculty, help the creation of global citizens.
- Globalization is happening on a grass roots level. This committee can offer support to departments to sensitize instructors to issues that International students face.
- In some areas faculty struggle with International students. How can we work with them to help? Offer PD, be more flexible with assessments, establish linkages, models of articulation?
- Q “ By supporting curricular development and innovation...” (Statement of Purpose and Values) Does that indicate monetary support? Does this committee have a budget to fund initiatives?
  - A. *Karola* UCFV has always allocated some funds to support Internationalization ie Travel grant, etc. The IC committee can also request that Employee Relations offer PD activities to assist faculty and staff.
- UCFV can work with others in this institution to create successful pathways. We need to recognize experiences students bring into the classroom.
- It is important to respond to current events. Now, supporting Muslim cultural events would be timely to help with understanding.
- Faculty and staff should be encouraged to acquire, maintain languages. MOLA is offering language courses to employees through the employee development centre.
- Faculty who have taught abroad understand better how students feel. There should be more opportunities for faculty exchange and for students to travel.
- Faculty need to be more receptive to visiting international faculty.
- Students should have the opportunity to drop into classes to observe. Faculty might also benefit by dropping into ESL classes.
- International students have uniqueness. Unless UCFV has specific uniqueness the students will go to larger cities like Vancouver or Toronto. International students need more opportunities to express their concerns and have them responded to.
- Local students are involved with the community. We need to try to involve International students more in the community.
- Most local problems have a global dimension. Internationalization should incorporate this realization.

At the September meeting we will rank priorities, and form subcommittees to act on them.

Raymonde suggested the following for future agenda items:

- Madeleine Hardin be invited to talk about cross cultural communication.
- D.J. Sandhu be invited to talk about Chandigarh.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting finished at 5:04pm