



Internationalization Committee Meeting
October 9, 2007
Abbotsford Campus A225
Meeting Notes

Present: J Andersen, S Bains, M Bos Chan, V Chappell, V Cooke, K Davidson, E Davis, S Fujimoto, M Hardin, V Hughes, K Lawrence, J Potts, L Sasaki, G Spurling, K Stinson, R Tickner, B Traverse
Chair: S Piper
Recorder: M Rickaby

1. a) Approval of Agenda

Motion M Hardin / K Lawrence
To approve the October 9th, 2007 Agenda carried

b) Adoption of Minutes

Motion: B Traverse / L Sasaki
To approve the minutes of September 11th, 2007 carried

2. Guest Presentations

None this month

3. Report from International Ed

Karola Stinson

- Ramadan Iftar (Fast Breaking) & Dinner Thursday October 11th 6-8pm in University House
- New student applications for Winter 08 have increased from Winter 07.
- Gayle Ramsden is working in Abu Dhabi UAE with the Fashion Design project. Fashion Design faculty will be offering advice on how to establish a fashion design diploma program.
- Maria Bos Chan and Marcela Jonas are going to the UAE to work with a school to start to develop a UCFV non credit certificate in Teaching English as a Foreign Language
- Article has been published about the UCFV Mandarin students visit to China. http://www.ucfv.ca/MarCom/newsroom/China_Trip_2007.htm
- Ora Steyn is going to Sichuan Normal University, in China
- Betty Wang is in China with Raymonde Tickner to test students and to visit a number of schools.
- MOU's continue to be developed in many countries with universities to offer exchange opportunities for Canadian students. Details for UCFV credits for exchange experiences are improving. The more the systems are in place before students go abroad ensure a successful exchange. Further details will be posted on the international education department web pages.

Motion: V Cooke / M Hardin
To create a sub committee/working group, to develop recommendations for assignment of credit for UCFV students going abroad.

B Traverse, V Hughes, V Chappell, M Hardin, J Anderson

J Potts will represent the International dept on an advisory basis.

- Student Activities:
 - International students have formed a Multi-Cultural student club (MCSC). This has been very popular. These students will be helping to organize events on campus for international week Nov 13 – 16 as well as other projects.
 - Students have formed a Muslim student association including local and international Muslim students.
 - The conversation partner program is going well. There are many Canadian students involved this term.
 - International students involved in the Volunteer to Work program are organizing a group that will represent 10 or more countries at the 2nd International Children's Festival in Abbotsford on Nov 17th.

4. Roundtable Reports

- International Development Student Club (IDSC) seeks support from UCFV to bring awareness and to support fund raising initiatives to aid flooded countries in Africa. <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/6998651.stm>
- 2007 World Conference Against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs. S Fujimoto reported that there were no delegates representing Canada.
- S Fujimoto will be visiting some schools in BC to give a presentation on "Hiroshima: the city of Urbicide and Symbol of Peace" as part of a practicum.
- Robert Buchan represented UCFV in India to help celebrate the Panjab University Diamond Jubilee.
http://www.ucfv.ca/MarCom/newsroom/UCFV_helps_Panjab_University_celebrate_diamond_jubilee.htm
- S Baines: Study Tour planned in Feb 08 to India. Twenty two people will be visiting 6 cities.
- L Sasaki attended the Go Abroad Fair. Lindsay participated in workshops and made connections for post grad school delegates to attend the UCFV Directions career fair.
 - Career Centre is offering business cards to all UCFV students and will offer to print in other languages.
 - JET information session is on October 17th
- Jim Anderson
 - The English department is sponsoring a Canadian Writers Series.
http://www.ucfv.ca/english/Coming_Events.htm On October 21st and Nov 18th Richard Van Camp is offering creative writing workshops.
- S Piper
 - Possible student internships for next year in Namibia
 - 3 week Study Tour May 2008, 13 students are going to Mexico.
 - Doug Hudson is interested in an exchange for archeological research in Baja California
- The website for SAPEF will be posted soon to provide information about the project and the forums.

5. Update on actions from previous meetings

a) Membership and Elections

- o Vacancies remain in Arts, Science and Health, Trades and Technology.

6. Discussion Items

a) International Studies Centre (ISC)

Discussion around the purpose of the centre, how to create a centre, where to locate a centre (physical or virtual centre), etc. The group recommendation is to further define the benefits of a centre and to revisit the topic at the next IC meeting.

b) Student Study Abroad, Internships, etc.

These topics were discussed in roundtable reports.

c) International Activities for Faculty and Staff

Tabled to next meeting due to shortage of time.

Meeting adjourned 2:50pm

Next IC meeting will be on Tuesday November 6th 1-3pm A203B (note room change).