



Internationalization Committee Meeting
September 11, 2007
Abbotsford Campus A225
Meeting Notes

Present: J Andersen, M Bos Chan, L Wells (for K Davidson), E Davis, P Franklin,
S Fujimoto, V Hughes, J Potts, L Sasaki, G Spurling, K Stinson, B
Traverse
Guests: M Hardin, Varlene Macleod, Sue Brigden, Karen Davies
Chair: S Piper
Recorder: M Rickaby

1. a) Adoption of Agenda
Motion
To approve the September 11, 2007 Agenda J Anderson, 2nd P Franklin
- b) Adoption of Minutes
Motion:
To approve the minutes of June 5, 2007 V Hughes, 2nd E Davis

2. Guest Presentations

English Language Policies: Karen Davies, Varlene Macleod, Sue Brigden
Referred to English Language Continuance Proficiency Policy Number 340.30,
English Language Entrance Proficiency Policy Number 340.29 and overview handout “UCFV
English Language Policies”.

The UCFV English Language Policy is up for review and this group outlined the difficulties for students, (international, local and exchange) and departments as the current policy stands.

- Recommendations in presentation:

- Create a simpler, more competitive, and more equitable language policy.
- Make a clearer ELEP with specific proficiencies for all students and reference to 1st year English requirements and eliminate the ELCP.
- Evaluate educational history or assess all new students. If new students are not evaluated, it is not possible to recommend upgrading options to meet 1st year English requirements.
- Create a simple process and/or exemption category for students with post-secondary education and legitimate need to take courses not permitted in UFP
- Ensure that new policies are uniformly implemented and that all areas of UCFV are well informed of implications.

Motion: to recommend to Dianne Common that a small committee be struck to review the English Language Policies and to request that the Internationalization Committee be represented on the committee
B Traverse, 2nd G Spurling

3. Report from International Ed

Karola Stinson

- IE had a busy summer. Groups of study tour students came from Japan and China. Groups were placed on both the Abbotsford and Chilliwack campuses.
- Korean nursing students were studying on the Chilliwack campus for 4 months. http://ucfv.ca/MarCom/newsroom/korean_nurses.htm Very successful program. Sheila Edwards will be going to Korea to do a presentation.
- New international students for Fall came from 20 countries and numbered 135. Current total of 478 intl students from 37 countries, 343 returning students (highest retention rate since 2002).
- 31 new students are from Saudi Arabia. These students are on government scholarships. Some students have come here with low English levels. The ESL department has developed classes to accommodate the students. The teachers really enjoy the students in their classes. They introduced a welcome diversity in ESL. Homestay families are also very happy with the students from Saudi.
- A temporary multi-faith prayer room has been set up. The room is in building C and has designated times. See SUS for more information.
- A shuttle service is available for Muslim students to visit a local Mosque. Students must sign up in the international education office.
- Welcome BBQ at Karola's home (August 31st) was well attended and everyone had a good time.
- Study tour to China, August 19-31, 2007 went very well. UCFV students were able to practice their Mandarin language skills and well as learn about Chinese culture, first hand. Report is available from Huifang Qiao, Modern Languages instructor, tour leader.
- International Ed is expecting two scholars from SNU, Sichuan Normal University.
 - <http://web.sicnu.edu.cn/en/>
- Working on project with UCFV Fashion Design and partner in UAE.
- Ahseea Ahmed offered a student abroad information session during the "UCFV New Student Orientation". Sixty Five students attended this session.
- UCFV Study Abroad info centre SAIC is available online. http://websaic.ietechinternational.com/WebSAIC_SelectCountry.aspx
- Articles printed in the Cascade <http://www.thecascade.net/view.php?aid=38842>
<http://www.thecascade.net/view.php?aid=38858>
- Bill Cooke has created a 9 credit course for study abroad that works with student loans.

4. Roundtable Reports

- Lindsay Sasaki, Career Centre
 - Career Centre is coordinating an international exchange with Harper Adams University (<http://www.harper-adams.ac.uk/>) to take place in Summer 2008. This will be offered to UCFV business co-op students. UCFV will be sending 2 students and receiving 2 students.
 - Info item, The Vancouver Go Abroad Fair September 17th and 18th.
 - Sidrah Ahmad is interested in organizing an event or information about Ramadan as there are a number of local and international Muslim students.

- Career Centre will be subscribing to Going Global <http://online.goinglobal.com/>
This will be available for faculty, staff and students to access through the MyUCFV portal. This site provides information about international work and volunteer opportunities, studying abroad as well as up to date country specifications and profiles.
- Geoffrey Spurling
 - The history department is offering a study tour to Belgium and France http://www.ucfv.ca/history/Study_Tour.htm
- Shige Fujimoto, Student Union
 - New student orientation was very successful with lots of positive involvement from international student leaders and orientation leaders.
 - Shige is doing a practicum for CMNS 412 with Madeleine Hardin. He will be visiting BC high schools and Universities to give a presentation about Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Shige will be promoting UCFV while he visits the schools.
- Val Hughes Admissions and Records
 - With Ravi marketing full time, the amount of applications for new students has increased dramatically. At this time they have a shortage of trained staff to process the applications.
 - A & R has offered a few workshops to Intl Ed staff to assess applications from China, Saudi, and Bangladesh.
 - Need to ensure adequate support staff to process and keep up
- Yvon Dandurand
 - September 17/18 I will be attending the annual meeting of International Liaison Officers organized in Ottawa by the AUCC. The theme of our meeting this year is “internationalization”.
 - Senior management will be involved in various discussions leading to the visit of the Premier in India in November. Part of the Premier’s agenda focuses on “education”.
- Stephen Piper
 - Taskforce group has not been able to arrange a new meeting time yet.
 - Working on internships domestic and abroad.
- Madeleine Hardin
 - Has been teaching in Chandigarh, students will start to cycle in to UCFV

5. Update on actions from previous meetings

a) Membership & Elections

- Motion to invite John Potts, Satwinder Bains, Career Centre to join the IC
P Franklin 2nd B Traverse
- Currently there are a number of vacancies to be filled by election or appointment.

Meeting adjourned 2:50pm

Next IC meeting will be on Tuesday October 9th 1-3pm A225.