

CJC International Committee
02/10/2023
Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome / Minutes Approval

Meeting started at 9:37.

Committee members present:

- Admin representative: James Babanikos
- Faculty representatives: Roxane Coche, Norm Lewis, Kasey Windels, Pat Ford
- Staff representative: Max Williams
- Student representatives: Noura Ibrahim, Ernest Makata, Manuel Tuñez, Alexia Bérenger

Also present: Coche's graduate assistant Hadeel Alhaddadeh

Windels made a motion to approve the minutes from the Jan. 13 meeting. Lewis seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

2. Discussing action items/objectives/goals for the committee based on survey data

All attendees shared their opinion on what they thought the international committee should get involved in. Four main elements came through:

- Put together a great International Education Week every year with activities that engage students and celebrate our global connections.
- Create communication/awareness campaigns related to the committee's international mission. For instance:
 - All the study abroad funding that exists
 - The value of studying abroad
 - International service/research available (incl. virtual internships abroad)
 - Related, the thought of engaging with students once a month with a workshop focused on one culture or one country was also discussed. The creation of a student organization toward this goal may be a better fit.
- Take advantage of UF talent, such as:
 - Establishing a mentoring program for faculty who wish to expand their research internationally
 - CJC has international alumni. Perhaps we should be their point of contact, keep in touch with them.
 - UF's international faculty and see if we could do projects in tandem with them. Could we get a list of international faculty? See what their research interests are to see if there is anything that aligns with our faculty's interests
 - Facilitate more of a proactive approach to funding. There are many calls for funding out there but finding the perfect fund for an already established project can be difficult. Instead, the international committee could identify find experts willing to use their expertise to fit in the call's plans.

- Importance of networking with foreign universities. Start looking for communication departments in other countries.
 - Establishing long-term relationships that are beneficial to all involved

Another item was discussed, though it may be a little down the road. The college has made interesting progress with CJCxNYC. Cultivating the international CJC network with another such “center” would be really interesting too.

3. International Education Week 2023

Student representatives discussed their ideas for International Education Week. They fall within two main themes:

- Creating presence:
 - Mounting of flags from different countries in the atrium
 - Having different country booths for trivia information on those countries
 - Highlighting the week on CJC social media
 - Encouraging staff and students to wear their countries’ attires
- Activities:
 - Faculty and Student Dinner: Potluck/Pizza, Kahoot night, game roulettes, international quizzes, dances/music
 - Movie Night

Coche will invite CJC’s Event Manager Jessica Osegueda to the next committee meeting. She will also introduce her to the student representatives ahead of time so they can connect first to discuss their ideas with her and what’s feasible budget-wise.

An idea about creating videos with an international angle was also discussed. Coche will contact the EFP 1 instructors to inquire about the possibility of adapting one assignment so we could do a student showcase during IEW.

4. Other business

Coche showed [Actuality Abroad](#) to attendees.

5. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:24.