

CJC International Committee
11/08/2024
Minutes of Meeting

1. Welcome & Approval of Minutes

Meeting started at 9:30AM.

Committee members present:

- Faculty representatives: Cynthia Barnett, Chris Chu, Jinping Wang, Houston Wells, Dania Alexandrino
- Admin representatives: Roxane Coche, James Babanikos
- Staff Representative: Max Williams
- Student representatives: Sunny Xu, Silvana Noriega Saravia, Kristine Crane
- Not present: Cecelia Edelberg
- Also present: Cloe Zeidan

Coche moves to approve the minutes, Babanikos seconds, all are in favor. Minutes are approved unanimously.

2. Introduction of Cloe Zeidan, new Division of Research International Initiatives coordinator

Zeidan is the new CJC Division of Research International Initiatives coordinator. Zeidan will be serving as the UFIC liaison and assume Coche's role in the next few months. She welcomes new ideas for international initiatives from all committee members.

3. Croatia update for CJC faculty and student visits

Discussion of status of faculty and student applications for Dubrovnik Erasmus+ exchange. 5 faculty applications were received. Eligible committee members ranked them and have passed them onto the Deans for selection. Agreement needs to be revised with new Dubrovnik rector listed and now it is being routed for signatures again. Coche is working on this revision. Selected students are holding for final administrative execution and selection.

4. International Committee Dates for Spring semester

Committee will meet one Friday a month at same time. Williams will send out dates and zoom links.

5. Discussion of HdM program and Barnett visit to HdM

Barnett will be visiting HdM during Thanksgiving week, which is their international week. She will be pitching an international student project, focusing on ground water in both areas. She will also do research on her upcoming book on ground research. program with HdM.

Barnett suggests creating a selection of slides telling the story CJC and UFIC internationalization efforts. She also asked for suggestions on host gifts to international destinations. Coche recommends discussing this with CJC Development officers, who give these gifts regularly. Zeidan recommends local candles, coffee, and tea as gifts,

6. International Education Week

Noriega and Xu have done an excellent job coordinating the international potluck lunch Tuesday, 11/19/24, from 12-1:30PM in Weimer 3032. There are three students who have signed up for the international travel tales, which will occur during that time. Williams shares that the Graduate Division has purchased 5'x7' flags representing the home country of all CJC international students for display during IEW.

7. Discussion of adding value for CJC Students from general study abroad

Kristine Crane reports on Global Gators: Marketing Your International Skills & Experiences to Employers. This presentation was targeted at undergraduate students and how to present study abroad experiences on CV. There is a trend among employers to look at skillsets rather than GPAs, so study abroad is an asset in this area. UF has 30 virtual exchanges, where a UF faculty member and an international university faculty member have a virtual class occurring simultaneously.

Barnett shares that CJC students can extract tangible results out of their study abroad experiences. Wells asks if there are any examples of student work to share, and Barnett mentions Marlo Starling's work in Zimbabwe, which was published in Earth Journal. Barnett will distribute story after meeting concludes.

Coche mentions getting courses approved for the International Scholars Program is not difficult if the course qualifies, and CJC needs more of a presence in this area. Suggestions on how to increase this include emailing the faculty, having chairs distributes to department, having Deans distribute, and mentioning at all College meeting in December

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8. Other Business

None.

Adjourned at 10:12 AM.