

GEAC Meeting Notes
March 17, 2017

Attendance: K Adams, R Ceurvorst, O Gonzalez, A Habib, E Johnson, E Kawabata, R Fleischman, R Robbins, H Yin, S Stoyhoff, K Seavey, P Lee, C Azarbod-Notetaker
Hans-Peter de Ruitter invited speaker.

Faculty-led Program Evaluation Rubric

The Council reviewed faculty-led program application evaluation criteria and suggested several minor changes. The Council will use the April 14 session to review proposals and make decisions.

Announcements

The partnership guidelines were reviewed and endorsed by the Council of Deans. Several minor revisions were made based upon feedback from the COD. These changes included the addition of signature lines on the document for the Provost and Dean of Global Education. Also, a place on the document for the initiator(s) of the proposal to include his or her name was included. The statement “consult with other campus units” was added as well. The guidelines will be posted on the Global Education website.

AY 2017-18 Funding Requests

Twenty program requests have been received and there is funding available to cover the total requested amount (\$140,000). This year about \$35,000 allocations were not expended due to the cancellation of programs. This year late applications will be considered for the reallocation of any unspent funds if the Council receives adequate notice that the faculty member has cancelled the program.

The Council briefly considered how to allocate the available resources if the number of faculty-led program budget requests exceed the available funds. Several possibilities were considered: (a) GEAC allocations could be used to cover faculty program costs and salary costs could be covered by departments/colleges or (b) GEAC allocations could be limited to covering overload salary and up to a fixed amount of the faculty program costs. The Council will consider allocation formulas at the final GEAC meeting of the year (April 28).

In reviewing faculty-led program applications, Council members should place a high priority on health and safety concerns, and Council members were encouraged to focus their attention on these considerations.

Update on Toyo University Visit to MSU

Habib updated the Council on Dr. Hanada's visit to Minnesota State. Habib offered an overview of Toyo University and the proposed exchange program. Toyo seeks to place approximately 100 students per year at partner institutions abroad beginning in 2018. Students spend the entire academic year abroad. Three academic programs are of interest to Toyo: Global Systems, International Business, International Collaboration. Stoyhoff is scheduled to conduct a site visit to Toyo and will report to the Council at the April 14 meeting.

Strategic Directions and Task Force Report

Hashmi was unable to update the Council and will do so at a future GEAC meeting. The Strategic Directions Task Force: Expanding Regional and Global Impact report and recommendations are not available for dissemination at this time. However, Stoyhoff shared several key recommendations contained in it. The report contains a recommendation that \$10,000 annually be allocated to support the design and implementation of new faculty-led programs and stipends to support faculty members' efforts to align their campus-based courses with the development of global competencies. The task force also recommended an additional \$80,000 in base funding to support faculty-led programs. Finally, the report recommended that GEAC college representatives receive faculty reassigned time in exchange for serving as college liaisons and key members of the University's internationalization efforts. Hashmi will update the Council at its next meeting.

Prospective Partnership

de Ruitter discussed the benefits of a proposed partnership with St. Polens University (Austria). There is support in the School of Nursing for the proposed relationship with SPU, especially given the challenges in current collaboration with IMC Krems, an Austrian institution the School of Nursing has partnered with in the past.