ISAC Minutes

A meeting of the International Studies Advisory Council was held on Thursday Aug 30 2012 at 3:30 in Copeland Hall 244.

Present: Barbara Amundson, Steve Amundson, Diana Jones, Sonja Kropp, Tone Mendoza, Sylvia Asay, Amy Rundstrom, Susan Honeyman, Ann Marie Park, Matt Mims

Absent: Will Aviles, Suzanne Maughan

Lilly began with a discussion of the APR process for this year—the first order of business is to make a final decision on the APR Team Leader. VC Bicak approved both of our candidates, Chad Stebbins and Sally Kent though with a clear preference for Stebbins, but it is ultimately up to us. After considerable discussion about the relative merits of the two very strong candidates, the Council decided to go with Stebbins. We will work with him and the VC to pick a date shortly after spring break.

There was then discussion about other team members. According to the requirements of the APR guidelines we need to have a member from the previous APR but we do not know if there has ever been one before. We will find out from the administration. [since then Bicak has informed us this is the first APR for INTS] Also we need to find out if we really need to follow the guidelines on having a member from the FAH Ed Policy committee though it might make more sense to have one from the University wide Academic Affairs committee. Other team member options were discussed as well. Lilly will discuss our options with Dean Taylor.

Then the council discussed possible subcommittees to prepare for APR. Diana Jones and Amy Rundstrom will provide a variety of data as needed. Ann Marie Park will provide a summary of INTS students participating in study abroad activities. Steve Amundson, Matt Mims and Susan Honeyman will create and administer a survey to existing students in the program. Barbara Amundson and Sylvia Asay will look at a couple of current degree audits to come up with a typical student’s program in the new curriculum. Sonja Kropp will create a summary of the language requirements, student proficiency and the extent to which INTS students double major or minor in foreign languages. Tone Mendoza will provide the library report. There are undoubtedly other reports still needed—perhaps Suzanne Maughan and Will Aviles could work on something related to Internships for example?

The Council moved on to discuss Assessment. We do have a couple of papers to evaluate for the October assessment report and there will be quite a few more before APR. So we need for ALL council members to get on to Taskstream in the INTS section as evaluators. Some have managed to get on to Taskstream but then get stuck. Lilly asked that once they are in they then call the Taskstream help # for further guidance so we can move on from there.

Park advised the council that all rooms in the Union are booked during Intl Ed week, so she reserved the Union rooms for the Intl Ed Fair for Monday Nov. 26th. After some discussion all agreed to this solution and thanked Ann Marie for her forethought!

Lilly announced that she had arranged to have Kathryn Bolkovac, the “Whistleblower” come to campus in late January and would like to get an “Artists and Lecturers” grant to help sponsor her talk, but would also like to get additional support from other depts. (like Poli Sci, CJ, Journalism, History, English etc) and it would be great to host the event at the World Theater.
Also Mendoza noted the availability of a library grant for “Bridging Cultures Bookshelf on Muslim Journeys” This seems like an ideal venture for INTS to support. Lilly also knew of a speaker on Muslim feminism available to connect to it.

We have a very energetic group of new INTS students this year so should be able to revitalize both GUS and Amnesty Intl.

Further meetings this fall will be on the First Thursday of each month staring in Oct at 3:30 in Cope 244. (Oct 4, Nov 1, Dec. 6) The meeting adjourned at 4:45.