ISAC Minutes

A meeting of the International Studies Advisory Council was held on Thursday Nov 1, 2012 at 3:30 in Copeland Hall 244.
Present: Amy Rundstrom, Barbara Amundson, Ann Marie Park, Matt Mimms, Steve Amundson Absent: Suzanne Maughan, Diana Jones, Susan Honeyman, Will Aviles, Tone Mendoza, Sylvia Asay, Sonja Kropp

Given the very poor attendance, there was no quorum and no actual decisions could be taken—however, since many important issues were on the agenda, the meeting went on anyway. A second meeting this month will be necessary.

Lilly informed council members that the Vice Chancellor had approved our APR team. It consists of: Chad Stebbins (team leader), Ken Larson, Kate Benzel, Dallas Kenny, and Derek Comba. The dates are March 27-28, 2013.

We need to start gathering data on past majors/minors which is more difficult now due to the move to My Blue.

A discussion followed relating to the International Fair: ELI will participate and Barbara will take care of the Passport table including contacting the ID person in the Union who has expressed an interest in making in possible to apply for Passports on campus. Amy has contacted to Doctors who have visited Haiti who will come, Lilly has applied to Doctor’s w/o Borders for info but it is unclear if they will send anything. Amnesty Int and most Intl Student groups plan to have a table. Matt will have a table relating to the CSP graduate project in Lithuania and S. Korea. Ann Marie and Amy are working on the food. We need to hear from all others about their work. Again—the date is Monday November 26 from 11-2.

Then a lengthy discussion followed regarding the assessment report and process. The current process and rubric does not work very well. The upper division elective papers are not consistently related to our assessment objective “globalization”. It seems like it might be best to simply focus on the Capstone course for our assessment. We clearly need to discuss this more when more members are present.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40. The next scheduled meeting is Thursday Dec 6 at 3:30--But we will need to meet again in November.

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A second November meeting of the International Studies Advisory Council was held on Thursday Nov 8, 2012 at 3:30 in Copeland Hall 244.
Present: Amy Rundstrom, Barbara Amundson, Ann Marie Park, Matt Mims, Steve Amundson, Suzanne Maughan, Diana Jones, Susan Honeyman, Will Aviles, Tone Mendoza, Sonja Kropp Absent: Sylvia Asay,

The meeting began with a discussion relating to the International Fair: members provided the necessary information regarding participation from various groups and will continue to do so over the next week. (see list below) Agreement was reached on budgeting for food. The Fair looks to be in shaping up well.
Members then discussed the Service scholarship process. For the time being all agreed to limit the scholarship to INTS majors including also for incoming Freshman but will reopen the discussion if too few students apply for the scholarship over time.

Members discussed again problems relating to the current assessment process and agreed to consider further whether our best solution will be a revision of our assessment process or our curriculum. Lilly also reminded the Council that by this time next year we will need to offer the Capstone course as a regular course which will mean deciding who will teach it and how to pay for it.

Lilly informed the Council that Faculty Senate Artists and Lecturer’s Committee had largely funded our request for Kathryn Bolkovac to speak in January.

The council discussed the list of courses Lilly had prepared for APR a typical of those many students take in our program. It was agreed that the list is limited partly by recent offerings and by the Director’s bias. Jones and Rundstrom offered in the future to create a list of INTS upper division electives each semester before advising.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40. The next scheduled meeting is Thursday Dec 6 at 3:30—But we will meet again first at the International Fair Nov 26th 11-2