Committee for International Programs

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GLOBAL TEMPLE: The Faculty Senate Committee on International Programs conducted, once again the annual Global Temple Conference, on November 20, 2013. XXX number of faculty and students presented talks, roundtables, poster sessions, and films demonstrating their ongoing engagement with international study. The next conference is scheduled for November 12, 2014.

B. Subcommittees:

We have created three subcommittees:

1. One on the issues of students going overseas, guided by Denise Connerty.

Denise Connerty, Assistant Vice President for International Affairs, has organized the Education Abroad subcommittee to deal with issues concerning our students who are planning on studying overseas. Their principal task is to identify appropriate programs for our students going overseas, that is, preparing general guidelines, preparing lists of known programs that we already approve and in which our students already participate, evaluating additional programs that may serve our students' general needs, and evaluating incoming requests by students for approval of programs that may serve individual needs. As increasing numbers of students study overseas, we need to be alert to programs that will serve them and us -- and to programs that won't. The subcommittee has drafted a statement of criteria. It will go to the provost, but we are asking relevant members of the faculty senate to take a look at it before we send it forward. I will forward that statement by separate email.

Members include: Wil Roget, Ron Webb, Mary Conran, Patrick Murphy, and Srimati Mukherjee.

2. One on students (and faculty) coming to Temple from overseas, guided by Brooke Walker:

Brooke Walker, Assistant Vice President for International Affairs, is organizing a committee to deal with issues concerning our students coming from abroad. They are looking into the academic programming and resources that we currently provide -- especially academic advising and writing center support -- and seeking ways in which to improve and augment them for a constantly increasing number of international students. They are similarly looking into ways of improving and augmenting support services, such as
orientation, housing, and emergencies. They are also discussing the budget needs for these services. They are meeting also with HR and TLC to create guidelines and training materials to increase the sensitivity of faculty members to the sensibilities of international students.

Members include: Yasuko Kanno, Jessie Iwata, Xuebin Qin, Cherie Lisa Vaz, and Latanya Jenkins.

3. One, a committee of three, which I chair, which turns mostly to Denise for guidance, deals with faculty needs in internationalizing the curriculum.

This third subcommittee is concerned with helping faculty who wish to initiate or expand their research and teaching overseas. We are seeking to improve the communication of the availability of opportunities by improving existing campus websites and by convening a workshop featuring Fulbright representatives and including faculty who have received Fulbrights, now scheduled for December 9. We have also been discussing the need for liaison with Writing Center personnel to help faculty who are working with international students with writing problems. We have met with Michele Masucci, Interim Vice Provost for Research, who deals with government grants, and will also meet with personnel in the Development Office, who deal with foundation grants. We are also examining possibilities for expanding and updating existing campus websites that provide information on overseas opportunities.

Members include Ken Dossar and Joel Maxcy.

C. Committee meetings were scheduled around the work that we were doing. In the fall, when the Global Temple program took up so much time and energy, as did clearance of Fulbright applications, the committees met less frequently. Through the spring semester, we created the three subcommittees. Each met at least twice. Part of each committee's work was defining programming and tasks for the fall semester.

The subcommittee working with Denise has drafted a statement of criteria. It will go to the provost, but we are asking relevant members of the faculty senate to take a look at it before we send it forward. I am sending it to you separately.

D & E. I think that these issues are addressed in the materials above.

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