

Global Awareness and Education Committee

Minutes -- January 12, 2010

Chair Shin-Ping Tucker called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. in Sundquist 122.

PRESENT: Jim Lane, Lisa Larson, Heather Kahler, Cherie Sawinski, Shin-Ping Tucker and Judy Dwyer

Cherie noted a clarification in #4 of the agenda. The line should have read: "Form a subcommittee to review the guidelines for Wisconsin Study Abroad Grants."

Shin-Ping requested that individuals serving as recorder always add their name when submitting minutes.

Motion by Kahler/Lane (M/S) to amend and approve the 12-11-09 minutes with the statement that Cherie recorded all requested modifications, and distributed the final version of the Learning Abroad Guidelines to the Chair on 12-11-09 and to the entire committee on 12-16-09.

A discussion ensued regarding the Global Awareness sub-committee draft of 12-1-09 "What does it mean to be globally aware?" A modification of the last item under 3.3, Components of Effective Intergroup Communication was recommended to read: "Each person is able to recognize and manage the social and emotional aspects of intergroup and multilingual situations."

Motion by Kahler/Lane (M/S) to approve the Definition of Global Awareness with the revised wording included under Bullet 3.3. The document will not be made public until after the committee again meets to determine the next step of establishing learning goals that can be assessed.

Heather reported on the International Week sub-committee to be held February 22-26. The intent was to schedule events during the same week as WSA's cooking demonstration.

Judy reported on OIP issues including new student welcome week; new hire Danielle Severin, an LTE staff member who is helping to develop the Friend Family Program; and a collaboration with Academic Service Learning in a grant to fund a speaker for the April conference with a focus on ASL abroad.

Higher Learning Commission Visit—Judy had asked members to review the draft of information submitted to Joel Sipress for the Global Awareness Initiatives Report. The section on languages is unfinished. The original report stated we should have an international General Education requirement but we are not aware of any movement on this objective. It was questioned whether we should address this in a follow-up assessment of the definition of being globally aware. **Judy emphasized the need to develop a strategic plan for campus internationalization this semester.**

At Cherie's request, Shin-Ping appointed a sub-committee to review the guidelines for the Wisconsin Study Abroad grant. **Cherie**, Marshall, Jim, Jerry and Melanie. Cherie will call the meeting.

Cherie announced the WorldQuest Trivia competition to be held at UMD on February 25 and will forward more information to the committee.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Recorder: Cherie Sawinski