

International Institute APC Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2006

Present: G. Bousquet, D. Copperud, I. Coxhead, M. Curtin, C. Elholm, M. Ferree, C. Halaby, K. Hendley, R. Hess, M. Kenoyer K. Krapf, J. Pevehouse, G. Podesta, J. Raducha, P. Rumble, M. Schatzberg, S. Smith, A. Sutton, J. Tishler, A. Tripp, A. Vargas, C. Williams, L. Young, J. Zeitlin

I. Minutes of December 14, 2005 meeting read and approved.

II. Reports

A. Kevin Krapf, the new Foundation Development Director for IS, was introduced and described his mission. He can help coordinate fundraising with II programs, help with events, and provide research on alumni and potential donors. He wishes to meet the directors of the II members to better understand the priorities of each specific program.

B. Cynthia Williams provided an update on the recent presidential National Security Language Initiative and how it may apply to UW-Madison and II. President Bush has requested \$114M to be allocated to the Departments of Education, Department, and State. \$57M, which includes \$35M in new monies, would go to the Department of Education for various programs, including \$24M to advance LCTL training in K-12 and higher education. Cynthia noted that lists of "critical languages" are not uniform across the three federal departments. She asked APC members to send program-specific information about the presidential initiative to her.

C. Michael Curtin provided an update regarding the II's strategic planning process. He and Aili Tripp have solicited written input from member programs and are now conducting focus groups with faculty. A workshop on April 6 for directors and associate directors will attempt to prioritize and refine strategic objectives.

D. Steve Smith explained the new FLAS notification procedure. This year, award letters will be sent from the Centers, rather than from Cheryl Woodards' office. APC members expressed frustration with the arbitrary April 1 deadline, as the FLAS awards are often used as a recruiting tool for new students. Steve will consult with Cheryl about changing the notification date from April 1 to as soon as funding is confirmed by Washington.

III. Preliminary Discussion Items

A. Ian Coxhead presented Development Studies' application for Institute membership. Coxhead indicated that membership would be beneficial to both the Development Studies program and the II, as they have overlapping goals and scholarly endeavors. The only DS PhD nationwide, the program is highly selective and has a strong international alumni base and has secured funding for the long-term. Challenges facing DS include physical space, funding for students, and a permanent institutional home (II membership would solve this challenge).

Arguments in favor: DS has evolved over time and is a historically strong program; it would help connect International Studies with CALS; DS has intellectual affinities with II programs. Issues of concern: Because it would be the only Ph.D. program within II, DS membership may invite more applications for membership from other Ph.D. programs or change the responsibilities of II. The APC agreed to discuss and define membership designations and will revisit the DS membership application later this spring.

B. Andy Sutton inquired about Associate Director research funds, which used to be an Institute budget line item. According to Michael Curtin, these funds may have been trimmed during a recent round of budget cuts, but that the APC could restore the funds if it saw fit. APC members expressed commitment to supporting Associate Director research and believe these funds are an important recruitment tool for future hires. The Dean's office will handle the funds for the current year. The APC will reinsert the budget line item in the new budget proposal.