

International Institute APC Meeting

Monday, October 8, 2007

206 Ingraham Hall

Present: Bousquet, Bilbija, Brantly, Hauner, Howell, Hutchinson, Kenoyer, Mani, Marx-Ferree, Miller, Podesta, Schamiloglu, Vargas, Young

Presenters: Berg, Campbell, Chenoweth, Phelps

Observers: Alter, Covington, Dickson (minutes), Van Eyck, Williams

The meeting was convened at 1:32 p.m.

Opening remarks by Bousquet welcomed new directors Bilbija, Brantley, Hutchinson, and Mani. Bousquet also introduced new staff in the Division of International Studies, Associate Dean Guido Podesta, Assistant Dean Marianne Bird Bear, and Director of Communications Masarah Van Eyck. He also welcomed guests Florence Chenoweth and Ambassador John Campbell and asked them to introduce themselves.

Item 1

The minutes of the May 15, 2007 APC meeting were distributed with the agenda prior to the meeting. Bousquet called for approval of the minutes of the May 15, 2007 meeting. Mani noted that replacement sentences for the item on page 1 referring to Global Studies fund raising would be provided. Bousquet also noted that he would provide a replacement paragraph for the final paragraph on page 4. The minutes were approved with corrections.

Item 2

Kenoyer announced that the Center for South Asia would be hosting the 36th Annual Conference on South Asia during the up-coming weekend. Brantly announced the October 10th lecture by Swedish writer Khemiri, "Red-Eyed Swedish Tigers." Schamiloglu announced that the Middle East Studies program will host Gary Sick, National Security Council, who will lecture on "Is a US Military Strike on Iran Inevitable?"

Marx-Ferre announced that CGES will sponsor a conference October 19-20 on "Cultures of Democracy? Germany and the USA at Home and Abroad." She noted that the conference hoped to demonstrate research collaborative models through distance technology. She also noted that the conference would include a dinner in honor of Klaus Berghahn. Hutchinson announced an upcoming lecture by Beth Dougherty, Beloit College, "The Charles Taylor Saga: Can We Finally Get Transitional Justice Right?" Williams announced the upcoming Soffa Human Rights Lecture: Ana Teresa Bernal Montañez on October 10, speaking on the participation of civil society in peacemaking and peace building in Colombia. Alter announced that WAGE currently has a call for proposals for research grants and collaboratives.

Item 3

Bousquet invited Joanne Berg, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Jim Phelps, Senior IT Architect to present on a new curriculum product and course guide. Berg presented on the background of the project and Phelps provided an overview of what the course guide would look like to students.

Questions following the presentation included Bousquet asking that a link to the project be provided so that it could be sent to all directors. Others questioned the product's ability to create a domain for interdisciplinary "stuff." Phelps' response to that was that a domain administrator would be needed. Another question included the possibility of the 15% content courses reporting requirements for Title VI programs to be done within this system. Berg and Phelps also noted that this system would be able to keep track of student service learning.

Item 4

The "Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on International Graduate Awards" dated 9/18/07 was distributed with the agenda prior to the meeting. Bousquet provided background on the awards, noting that the Division will have \$150,000 to disburse over 5 years. Podesta added that it is important to note that the \$150,000 was collected in gifts and that it is not an interest-bearing endowment. Therefore, it should be used in a manner to encourage additional giving. Young suggested that the timing of the competitions coincide with the FLAS fellowship competitions and that the selection committee be comprised annually from 3 centers, rotating in alphabetical order, e.g. African, East Asian, and European studies in the first year. Podesta pointed out that the language of the report indicates that the awards are for pre-dissertation field-work and is intentionally not precise about what that means.

Covington expressed that the noted amount of awards at \$3,000 is small. Podesta replied that the amount per year is a general amount and that there is no limit established for the number of student awards in a year.

Hauner asked if there were any future commitments from donors? Bousquet responded that the hope is to create excitement and interest about the first set of grad awards to present to donors.

Item 5

The "Proposed revisions for 2008, Call for Proposals: Research Circles in International Studies" was distributed with the agenda prior to the meeting. Young pointed out that the original call included an announcement that the call would be amended after one year. She noted that the edits to the Call for Proposals underscores what circles are not intended for. She also stated that re-applications are encouraged but concrete outcomes need to be demonstrated.

Young also addressed the conflict of interest on the recent selection committee and that in the future the Strategic Plan Committee will nominate the committee after receiving applications and that the APC will be asked to endorse those nominated. She also noted that the Associate Dean will serve on the selection committee; that letters of support from the directors of programs are

no longer needed but that the director's signature is required; that an annual report will be required; and that circles must work with the Director of Communications to publicize events.

Alter asked if the competition is a 2-round process or only one and outlined the process that WAGE uses. Young replied that in the last year it was only a one-round process. Schamiloglu suggested that the committee should go back and review if a 2-round process is needed.

Bilbija asked for clarification if signatures from two programs are needed on applications. Young and Podesta replied that applications need to demonstrate collaboration and name an administrator for the project.

Item 6

Bousquet asked Young and Kenoyer to make brief presentations on the China and India initiatives.

Young described that the China Initiative is primarily a development initiative that was a result of the Chancellor's visit to China. The China Initiative is meant to reach across the university for program building initiatives. Miller added that the Center for East Asian Studies is changing its role to include serving as a bridge between the university and the state, especially through collaboration with businesses and alumni in Wisconsin. He added that the CEAS web site will be multi-lingual; that the China Initiative will have an external leadership board as well as an internal steering committee. Miller noted that the primary purpose of the China Initiative is to develop a revenue stream other than Title VI.

Kenoyer introduced the India Initiative noting that it is in the beginning stages of development. He clarified that the Center hoped to integrate the interests of all faculty in the program to the India Initiative and read the current draft of goals.

Young suggested that initiatives such as the China and India initiatives may provide opportunities such as cross-regional programming. Kenoyer added that he also believes there may be benefits to the entirety of center programs by focusing on a development program based on one country, freeing up resources for other areas of the center's program.

Hauner asked if there was International Institute funding for the initiatives. Bousquet responded that the II has not provided any funding for the initiatives but that the Division of International Studies hopes to raise funds through the initiatives.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:48 p.m.