

International Institute APC Meeting

Friday, December 15, 2006

206 Ingraham Hall

Members Present:

Gilles Bousquet (Director), Joan Raducha (DIS and Interim Assoc Director), Patrick Rumble (ES), Myra Marx Ferree (GES), Michael Schatzberg (AS), Aili Tripp (DIS and Research Circle Rep), Louise Young (EAS), Guido Podesta (LACIS), Michael Curtin (GS), Kathryn Hendley (CREECA), J. Tishler (A.D. rep), Steve Smith (A.D. rep), Jonathan Zeitlin (WAGE), Joe Elder (GC), Uli Schamiloglu (MES), Andy Sutton (SEAS), Magdalena Hauner (L&S Associate Dean), Charles Halaby (L&S Associate Dean), Rob Howell (IAP), Patrick Rumble (ES).

Observers:

S. Dickson (DIS [minutes], CSA), Alberto Vargas (LACIS), Cynthia Williams (DIS), Ronnie Hess (DIS), Chris Schindler (IS Major), Elizabeth Covington (ES), Michael Cullinane (Strategic Plan Committee), Jo Ellen Fair (Strategic Plan Committee).

Members Absent:

Jon Pevehouse (IS, excused).

Item 1:

The meeting began at 1:30 p.m. Minutes of the October 20, 2006 meeting were distributed and discussed. It was noted that Schatzberg and Tishler were misspelled. Bousquet noted that the UW Foundation assistant noted in Item 4 is full-time not part-time. The minutes were approved with these amendments.

Item 2:

Raducha announced that she and Joe Elder have secured a single donation of \$100,000 for undergraduate study abroad to sites outside of Western Europe. Bousquet noted that \$60,000 for graduate fellowships, especially pre-dissertation fieldwork, has been raised in the past 6 months. He also noted the fund-raising activities of Global Studies for graduate student awards. He announced that the Graduate School will match fund-raising efforts with \$30,000 when \$100,000 is raised, and clarified that these monies are not an endowment and will be "spent-down."

Item 3:

Dickson distributed summaries of the proposals received for discretionary funds and distinguished visitors (proposals due December 1, 2006). She announced that 2 proposals were received for discretionary funding: CREECA/CSA requested \$850 to fund two speakers on the BRICS in Spring 2007. LACIS/SEAS requested \$1,400 to support three speakers in Spring 2007 within the "Transitions and Transformations in the U.S. Imperial State: The Search for a New Synthesis" project. Michael Curtin (GS), Jim Delehanty

(AS), and Jonathan Zeitlin (WAGE) served as the review committee. They recommended funding both proposals at the levels requested. The APC ratified these recommendations.

Dickson announced that 2 proposals were received for distinguished visitors: African Studies requested \$5,000 to support the residency of Dr. Florence Chenoweth in Spring 2007. LACIS requested \$5,500 to support the residency of Dr. Jose Ugaz in early Fall 2007. Patrick Rumble (ES), Jennifer Tishler (CREECA), and Aili Tripp (DIS) served as the review committee. They recommended \$4,500 funding for the AS proposal and \$5,500 funding for the LACIS proposal. The APC ratified these recommendations.

Item 4:

The MES Budget Proposal (2006-2007) was distributed for review. Schamiloglu announced that the MES web site has been updated and that the MES group is currently working on finalizing their federal grant for the previous award period. He clarified that the MES request for \$6,000 funding includes funding for a symposium on Islamic Finance Law, fundraising activities, and programmatic activities. He also announced that MES will have staff presence through a spousal hire to begin in Spring 2007.

Schamiloglu described the hiring goals of the MES program if they were to identify the most critical shortcomings, they would be in the areas of Persian language and culture, Islamic studies, and Arabic language and culture (including advanced level courses in modern Arabic and classical Arabic), but noted that major gifts from outside donors will be needed to make this possible. Hauner announced that the Islamic art and Persian Studies position requests are not being considered by L&S at this time, but that there is currently a search for a Francophone position.

Tripp asked for explanation of the comments by Title VI reviewers of the MES proposal for NRC status. Williams and Schamiloglu asked to defer that discussion until they had a chance to discuss the comments in greater detail with the Title VI Program Officer. Bousquet noted that the discussion could continue at a later time.

The MES request for \$6,000 in 2006/2007 was approved by the APC.

Item 5:

The Strategic Plan Committee Report, December 2006, was distributed for review. Young led discussion of the committee's activities to date, announcing that they were striving to establish one or two key initiatives that are not yet determined and called for APC input on the report. Zeitlin asked for clarification of grant writing fellowships. Young responded that these could be group fundraising or individual faculty initiatives and might be used for course releases. Curtin noted that there might be more emphasis on group proposals that could connect to research circles.

Schatzberg asked for clarification of funding. Bousquet noted that the \$60,000 that is currently committed to research circles is under consideration and that there might be

leverage for additional funds from the Division of International Studies, Global Studies, and other member programs. Schatzberg pointed out that the course buy-out for one semester could be \$15,000 and asked for other options. He suggested that the question is what do we want the Institute to be and what is research within the Institute. He suggested keeping the research circles that are doing well and use the balance to support individual research trips abroad for faculty and graduate students. Young stated that the research funds are earmarked for collaborative research and that the Graduate School should fund individual research. Schatzberg commented that Grad School funds are shrinking and that perhaps identifying collaborative themes might allow for individual research within the theme. Raducha underscored that the II funds are campus funds for collaborative activities and that the II generally should support projects that do not have other viable sources of support.

Tripp commented that discussions from focus groups keep raising the issue of what the Institute is about and how it is valued. Podesta suggested as an alternative to faculty course-release for grant writing that it would be more cost-effective to provide administrative assistance for grant writing. He also noted that the core of the Institute is area studies and funds should not be used for course release of individual faculty.

Zeitlin noted that the 3-year cycle for research circles is an intelligent design that allows new groups to emerge. Young added that the 3-year cycle would also be complimented by year-long reading circles. Curtin added that thematic research circles provide regularly focused themes for the Institute and create more ways for faculty to be involved, especially if reading circles are established.

Schamiloglu commented that fundraising creates a great personal sacrifice for faculty, and that course release or the help of a professional grant writer would be helpful. Halaby noted that grant writing is a part of the faculty job. He also commented that the amount of research circle funding is a lot of money that should produce a concrete outcome such as a book. Young responded that the labor in centers is maxed out and that although grant opportunities regularly come up, there isn't the staff time to make them happen. She also pointed out that in the scientific areas of the campus there are staff dedicated to grant writing and public relations. Zeitlin added that the proposal from the strategic plan committee is an attempt to establish a structure for grant writing. Curtin added that the research circle funding is not a lot of money because the international dimension of activities adds additional cost and that we need to approach funding ambitiously, not modestly.

Tripp pointed out that the research circles have been a good recruiting tool.

Sutton commented that individual grant writing is quite different than program grant writing. He suggested that the proposed thematic cycle is good, but that in the first year there is a greater need for grant writing support and in succeeding years funds can be requested from the Anonymous Fund, University Lectures, and the Knapp Fund.

In summary, Young noted that consensus is not yet clear on priorities. She pointed out that the committee is working on a clear expectation of outcomes, yielding such possibilities as a major proposal, a book, or new course. She noted that the strategic plan committee is striving to build on the strengths of the programs within the Institute.

Bousquet thanked the committee for its work to date. Young announced that APC members can contact Strategic Plan Committee members and that there will be a report at the next meeting of the APC.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.