# Global Council COMMITTEE MINUTES

27 Sept 2018; 12:45pm - 3:05pm - HSS 301

**Council Members Present:** A.S. Student Representatives: Alexandra Tower, Chair Sam Sham, AS Community Relations Others Present: Denise Kinsella, Vice Chair Carol Davis Janet Wolf, IEC Pete Morris **Council Members Not Present:** Delphine Broccard Nancy Grass Sarina Mireles Jamar London Catherine Weir

- 1. Call to order: 12:48 pm 2. Public Comments: None
- 3. Announcements: J. Wolf: Study Abroad South Africa has 30 online applications/ 11 deposits. One Global Grant proposals has been submitted for Spring 2019. On 9/15/18 the Milagros workshop paid by Global Grant was a big success with 100+ students.
- 4. Approval of minutes: Motion by D. Kinsella to approve the minutes of September 6, 2018. Seconded by C. Davis. Approved unanimously.

## I. **Environmental Affairs Committee Signage review**

Previously a Global Citizenship grant had been awarded to Poliana Raymer and the Environmental Affairs Committee for their project: Sustainability at SMC: Developing our Green Pride. The project will install signs at 5 SMC campus locations to educate the SMC Community about their richly sustainable surroundings. The Council reviewed the artwork for the signage and noted a few edits in spelling and punctuation for the EAC. The Council asked to see the artwork again once the edits are made.

### II. Faculty Field Studies Abroad proposals - 2019

Previously the Council had recommended two proposals to forward to the Academic Senate for approval.

- Costa Rica-One World, Indivisible, with Pura Vida and Justice for all
- Denmark-Outdoor Early Education in Denmark

A third proposal, Meet Me in Paris, had not been recommended to the Academic Senate. These recommendations were reviewed by the Council.

After discussion a motion was made by P. Morris and seconded by C. Weir to recommend the Costa Rica program to students in Spring 2019, to recommend the Denmark program in Summer with a tentative date of departure 1 to 1½ weeks after the departure of the Belize Study Abroad program, and to not recommend the Paris program. The Motion was approved. Yes: A. Tower, P. Morris, D. Kinsella, C. Davis, S. Mireles, and C. Weir. Abstained: D. Broccard

#### III. Faculty Study Abroad proposals - Summer 2019

On September 6, 2018, the Global Council had forwarded two academic proposals to the Senate Executive Committee for Study Abroad Belize Summer 2019:

- Deborah Novak: Nutrition 1-Introduction to Nutrition Science
- Eleanor Strauss: Anthro 2-Cultural Anthropology

The Senate Executive Committee sent the proposals back to the Council for further review. The Council discussed the Executive Committee's concerns that both leaders are part time faculty and neither one has previous experience in Belize. The Senate Executive Committee was also concerned that the International Education Center was requiring an on-ground tour company to assist with the group. When this requirement was shared at the Global Council meeting of September 6, 2018, the example was given that a company such as EF might be used to help organize the trip and to make in-country payments. The Senate Executive Committee was concerned that a company like EF might not be able to organize the trip the way the faculty wanted it organized, and might "water down" the academic content of the courses. During the discussion, Denise Kinsella said that she would first reach

out to Programme for Belize, the company that SMC has used on previous Study Abroad trips to Belize. Based on past experience, it is expected that Programme for Belize would be able to run the program the way the faculty want it. If they cannot, there is a wide variety of companies to choose from. The goal of the International Education Center is to provide support to deliver the program as closely as possible to the way the faculty request it.

The Council members recognized and were in sympathy with these concerns of the Senate Executive Committee. But the Council felt strong about its selection process, could not find a compelling reason to withdraw the proposals, and reaffirmed its belief that the proposals were worthy of approval.

A motion was made by P. Morris and seconded by D. Kinsella to reaffirm the Council's recommendation of the two proposals. The motion was approved. Yes: P. Morris, D. Kinsella, C. Davis, D. Broccard, Sarina Mireles and C. Weir. No: A. Tower

#### IV. Agenda items postponed until October 11, 2018 meeting

As time had expired for the meeting the following items were moved to the next Council meeting October 11, 2018: Winter 2020 Study Abroad program, Committee name revision, International Education Week, Support/Promote GC Theme, and Chairs Report

V. Adjournment: Motion: D. Kinsella Second: C. Davis. Approved unanimously at 2:05 pm. The next meeting will be Thursday, October 11, 2018 – 12:45 pm HSS 301