

Minutes
USG System Council for International Education

insurance representative, also introduced themselves. Minutes from the January meeting previously distributed, with copies available at the meeting, were accepted unanimously.

III. Reports from SCIE Committees

- a. CISS: Robin Catmur stated that the committee had input into the job description for the position of Director of International Education and that it had high hopes for the positions filled by Doug Podoll as well as the vice chancellor position filled by Cecil Staton to further efforts in international education. The NAFSA Regional Conference will start on October 26, in Jackson, Mississippi. The GAIE conference website is now available. Robin Catmur stated that the committee's afternoon session would include a discussion about the development of a CISS website, the deployment of a SEVIS field representative Holly Williams, OPT and Congressional oversight, health insurance, and the ongoing issue about documentation of students.
- b. Study Abroad: Liz Havey stated that the committee's work in the afternoon would include a demo of the CISI insurance user portal, an update on crisis management information, curricular changes, study abroad programs, the USG website, faculty salaries, and professional development. Also, new committee leadership would be discussed, as three-year terms are about to expire.

IV. Updates from USG Councils

- a. Africa Council: Funke FontT e

meeting will be held at GCSU. Nominations for officers will be made, as the three-year terms of officers will expire this year.

- e. Middle East Council: Jason Tatlock reported that the Middle East Symposium was held at Georgia Regents University and the Middle East Council is collaborating with the American Council for the Study of Islamic Societies.

V. Update from the BOR

Doug Podoll announced that the listserv would be managed by him and Cory Loftis. Podoll expressed his pleasure at having Vice Chancellor Cecil Staton at the meeting and that his BOR position signaled that the BOR is taking international education seriously. Podoll gave a preview of BOR agenda items to be voted on, such as a proposed change to out-of-state waivers which limited waivers for athletes but specifically mentioned international students. There will also be a BOR discussion concerning discounting of tuition.

Podoll also announced that the USG J (Visa) Program is now in his hands.

Global health insurance, with short-term enrollment, is possible for visiting scholars although Podoll suggested they should strongly consider whether to bring their family members given the high costs of adding them to the policy. Every USG employee has travel insurance as part of his or her coverage and should not necessarily purchase additional, expensive insurance for the purposes of travel on business for the USG.

VI. SCIE Housekeeping and Elections

Neal McCrillis pointed out wording to be considered in the Bylaws under “Membership” which does not specify the BOR representative. He will draft a revision for the membership to consider at the January meeting.

McCrillis also mentioned that three-year terms of officers will expire this year and he asked those assembled to consider serving. He also said this would be his last year as Chair after what would be his fourth year. McCrillis asked representatives send him suggestions for nominations which the executive committee will review and consider presenting at the January meeting. There will be an opportunity for nominations from the floor also.

McCrillis explained the new meeting format allows for “lunch and learning” opportunities and asked participants to give Podoll or McCrillis their feedback.

It was agreed that the next SCIE meeting will be January 23. There being no other matters to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.