

Guests: Jan Headley (GSU), Don Rubin (BOR)

At approximately 9:05 AM, Richard Sutton convened the System Council on Internate

be invited to participate in Council meetings.

3. Strategic Agenda in International Education for 2000-2001

This agenda was developed in response to briefing book information requested by the new senior vice chancellor for academic affairs.

A. Priority Initiatives

a. Foreign Language & Technology Initiative (Sutton)

With the Title VI proposal being turned down, a proposal was made to NSEP in August with a response expected in November. If approved, this funding will provide nearly \$500,000 over the next four years for foreign language instruction via the internet, a project begun by the System's Desktop Initiative. The languages that will be focused on are Chinese, Japanese, and Russian. Arabic would have been a logical choice, however, no campus in the system teaches this language. African language instruction is being developed under a Global Partnerships grant and Title VI funding. A discussion ensued regarding the value of language self-instruction and independent study.

b. EU Center & Web Certificate (Murphy)

The three year grant will expire at the end of the academic year. Receiving a good evaluation, the center should have no trouble with grant renewal.

Several items of interest were mentioned: Dr. Papp will be going to Brussels to represent the EU Center; Patrick Ireland has been named the new co-director of the center; Adrian Taylor, Scholar-in-Residence, will be available to visit campuses until early December; 27 institutions will offer the EU Certificate and 3 non-system institutions have expressed an interest; the University of Munich will offer the certificate and will approach other universities in Europe; the center will have a student retreat next March, which will be a springboard to start a Student Association.

c. Benchmarking & Accountability Indicators (Sutton)

Though International items were not included in the 31 benchmark indicators, the system council has initiated the gathering of data in preparation for its own internal purposes. Sid Davis was the point person

method for assessing the impact of study abroad on student learning outcomes. The study will help answer several questions including: do students become more active course takers; what is their graduation rate versus those who don't study abroad; what is their language achievement? Dr. Rubin believes that the data gathered will make a compelling case for study abroad, and could have preliminary data as early as late spring or early summer.

B. Programmatic Objectives

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responsibility for establishing a quantitative tracking system with more information on this system forthcoming. There was some discussion regarding tracking some programs that do not earn credit, internships that do not earn credit, and transient students.

f. Latin American Studies Certificate (Jensen)

Dr. Jeanne Jensen, chair of the Americas Council, advised that the Latin American Studies Certificate is responding to a changing demographic and resource base. It is not designed to compete with existing programs but to galvanize resources and levels of expertise. The certificate program is a solid curriculum with three-hour components, and will allow all students to participate, whether web-based or classroom, and will encourage even two year students. The goal of implementation is to target six to ten institutions at a time to offer the program, and to establish a board of advisors that will include the private sector. In order for the certificate program to be presented to the Board of Regents for approval, the institutions must be identified and letters of endorsement obtained.

g. Asian Economic Development Initiative (Keene)

Dr. Tom Keene, chair of the Asia Council, advised that they would like to take a survey of courses in Asia studies and team up with other institutions to establish something similar to the European Union Center.

h. African Teacher Training Initiatives (McIntosh)

Dr. Gerald McIntosh advised that additional external funding from ALO was sought and received for the teacher training initiative with the University of Cape Coast, Ghana.

Dr. McIntosh also advised that Fort Valley is hosting a Fulbright Scholar from Nigeria, Dr. Okepete Kanu, for the academic year. Her training is in the area of Education and African History; she is available for lectures.

i. International Student Enrollments (Call)

Dr. Dwight Call asked for a written statement from the system office regarding the maximum number of international students allowable per 1995 Board of Regents policy.

A copy of the newspaper article featuring Georgia College and State University international students was handed out; Dr. Call stated that the article made everyone look good.

Regarding institutional waivers: there is currently a 2% limit – 1% for international students, 1% for students of distinguished merit and ability. Responding to the question of pooling these waivers, it was explained that waivers were not money that had been collected; if institutions shared these waivers, it would become a hard-dollar matter and would require policy adjustment by the Board.

j. System Membership Model for ISEP Exchange (Harrington)

Dr. Tracy Harrington was absent from the meeting; however, it was stated that it was his desire to develop a system membership in ISEP, who has longer-term programs in many

countries. He and his staff are working on a reduced administrative fee for students. It was suggested that any institution interested should contact Dr. Harrington.

C. Operational Responsibilities

a. Study Abroad Scholarship Management (Lund)

Study Abroad catalogs with scholarship application and campus contacts have gone out to each coordinator. This information is also available on the OIE web-site. It was noted that if anyone had new programs to add or needed to delete old programs, Lindsay Parsons at the University of Georgia is the contact.

1. Application Deadlines

Study Abroad application deadlines are November 1, 2000, for Spring 2001, and March 1, 2001, for Summer 2001, Fall 2001, and Academic Year 2001-2.

2. Reporting Requirements

Data information will be transmitted electronically and student essays by fax to the central office; original applications will be retained by the institutions. It was noted that the central office will not release scholarship funds until all required data has been collected by the central office.

3. Requests for Changes and Substitutions

Changes and substitutions will be handled the same as FY2000: if a student chooses not to accept a scholarship, the next eligible student will be awarded the scholarship. It is the r29 Tc (sugge2001e(1.)feu to 8tlu dm student chooses not)Tj0 -15 e to 8d cag;dent2 Tf0 -30 TD Ontac

2. SCIE Newsletter (Sutton)

The council was queried on the possibility of starting an electronic newsletter that originates from the central office. The majority of the council, by a show of hands, was enthusiastic regarding the idea as long as the newsletter is brief.

3. USG Viewbook on International Education (Headley)

The OIE has contracted with Jan Headley, GSU to create a viewbook for the central office. A handout was given, exhibiting the work she has been doing on the viewbook. She noted that this book would be generic, organized by themes and not institutions, so that anyone could utilize the viewbook to highlight the international aspects of the entire University System of Georgia.

4. Other Business/Announcements

A. Study Abroad Catalog and Program Certification Procedure (Reiff)

Dr. Reiff advised that an announcement regarding procedure would be available next month.

B. International Rescue Committee Request (Sutton)

Materials regarding student volunteer internship opportunities were received at the central office; it was made available for viewing if anyone was interested.

C. Other Items

The issue of age as a factor in participant selection was raised as a consideration for all Study Abroad program directors. Some study abroad programs in the catalog list a minimum age of 18 and some do not; other qualitative characteristics should be part of selection criteria. It was noted that this item had been on a previous agenda.

5. Adjournment