

CSM International Education Committee

Thursday, April 12, 2012

1:15 – 2:30 p.m.

Vice Presidents' Conference Room, Building 10, Room 482B

Meeting Summary

Members Attending: Susan Estes, Jennifer Hughes, Yaping Li, Maggie Skaff, Brandon Smith

Guests: Tim Maxwell, David Laderman, Eileen O'Brien, Bev Madden, Aaron Schaefer

Review the Day's Agenda

The agenda was approved.

Review Summary Notes from March 1, 2012, Meeting

The summary notes from March 1 were approved.

Service Learning Discussion

David, Eileen, Bev, Aaron, and Tim provided excellent information regarding service learning opportunities available for students. Our goal is to provide students with the opportunity to receive college credit for service learning that will appear on their transcripts and increase their chances for transfer to four year colleges and universities. Given the increased impaction and competition at many institutions, colleges and universities now require students to have participated in extracurricular activities as part of their educational experience. The UC system requires students to include this information in their personal essay. Bev provided an overview of the successful Service Learning Program at CSM that she coordinated for many years. In order to run effectively, the program needs dedicated staff to help coordinate with the service organizations, faculty and students. When Bev coordinated the program, she maintained a data base of participating community organizations and institutions, including NDNU and SFSU. Students enrolled in CRER 152, Service Learning, and received college credit. There were also grants to help fund summer projects. Approximately 21 faculty participated in the program. She mentioned that there might be funding available through the Foundation. When she last worked with the program, there was \$40K in a fund to promote civic engagement. Brandon mentioned that Daniel Keller offers a service learning component in his classes. Students can participate in specified service learning activities (food banks) in lieu of taking the final. Daniel does all the coordination with the food bank, which takes a great deal of time. However, there is

no mechanism to have service learning activity recorded on a student's transcript. Tim, David and Aaron shared information about the service learning component for students in both AGS and PTK. David mentioned that community service is a vital part of AGS and students have been involved in a variety of projects (e.g. Prisoners' Literacy Project, SF Zoo Project, book drives and food drives.) Aaron also stated that ASCSM will be bringing back the volunteer fair in the spring semester, as well as conducting a Leadership Conference (23 students have already signed up.) Eileen also expressed interest in bringing back Cooperative Work Experience. Maggie suggested that we should get the International Students Club established which is a way to immediately connect international students with other students for a variety of activities. A number of "next steps" were suggested:

- Determine what needs to be done to provide college credit for specific service learning projects associated with existing classes. Jennifer to check with Susan Estes.
- Explore establishment of a Service Learning Steering Committee comprised of faculty, students and administrators. David, Eileen and Aaron were interested in participating.
- Explore funding sources through the Foundation. Jennifer will check with Stephani Scott at the Foundation.

Update on District International Education Committee Meetings - Tabled

Updates from Committee Members – Tabled

Concerns/Issues to Forward to District International Education Steering Committee - Tabled

Other Items - None

Next Meeting: May 3, 2012, 1:15 – 2:30 p.m., VP Conference Room, College Center, 482B