

CSM International Education Committee

Thursday, February 2, 2012

2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

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

Summary Notes

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

Update on International Education program

Maggie provided an update on CSM's international student enrollment. We have approximately 123 students enrolled for spring, 2012. Twenty-eight (28) are new students. Five (5) are those are the result of Jing's recruitment in China. We have received 37 new applications for fall, 2012. Ten have already been approved. Letters will be sent out later in February.

District Steering Committee Updates

Jennifer and Susan provided an update on the District Steering Committee. Diane Arguijo and Jing Luan have been working with the UC's and CSU's, as well as some private institutions, to obtain conditional admission agreements for CSM international students who transfer to these institutions. There are 7 task forces that have been formed that are addressing specific international education issues. One task force is looking at ways to provide "pre-registration" for international students while they are still in their home country, to help ensure that they are registered as full time students. Many of our new and continuing international students were on waitlists for the spring semester and have been challenged to find full time enrollment in appropriate courses.

The committee suggested a number of strategies to address this concern. We may want to consider establishing a number of 1 unit, open entry/open exit courses for students who are short the required 12 units. There are a variety of topics that would be beneficial; for example, an intercultural communication class "Welcome to the United States." Another option is to encourage enrollment in ESL 850. We may also want to reestablish the use of a CRER course for international students to augment the information the information provided in the orientation session that is conducted by Maggie and Martin. Yaping and Brandon reported on some collaborations taking place between the Communication Studies and ESL faculty. Additional collaborations will take place in the fall.

Maggie reminded the committee that SEVIS regulations limit an international student's in online courses to 3 units.

The committee also talked about additional ways to engage international students outside the classroom, including in service-learning activities and internship opportunities. It was agreed that we invite Tim Maxwell, David Laderman, Daniel Keller, Beverly Madden and Eileen O'Brien to a future meeting to discuss what they are doing in regards to service learning and internship opportunities.

Concerns/Issues to Forward to District International Education Steering Committee

At this time, the committee did not have any concerns that should be forwarded to the District Committee. It was suggested that we conduct a focus group survey for ESL faculty to obtain information regarding any concerns/issues regarding international students.

Other Items - None

Next Meeting: March 1, 1:15 – 2:30 p.m.