

Meeting Notes

International Education Committee

Thursday March 14, 2019

2:30 – 4:00 pm

Los Rios District Office

Main Conference Room

Attendees:

Tammy Montgomery – DO

Brooks Ohlson - DO

Mark Stewart - ARC

Brian Robinson - FLC

Marcia McCormick – ARC

Richard Mower - FLC

Yesenia Castellon - ARC

Bernadette Anayah – FLC

Kamau Kinuthia – ARC

Mayra Jimenez, SPA – SCC

Kerstin Feindert, Faculty - CRC

Review/Approval of minutes for February 14, 2018

- No changes or additions.

Co-chair news/updates/new members

- No updates

Discussion Items (Concerns)

- Review of suggested updates to R-7151 (instruction) and R-2214 (student services)
 - Adjustments need to be made to both regulations for them to match. The suggested changes will affect R-2214, 1.1.1.2, R-7151, 5.3.1.1, 8.3.1 and 8.3.2 and need to be mutually agreed upon by all the colleges. Suggested changes are written in red on the handouts.
 - The TOFEL test is not the only test people use. There are many tests to choose from. Tammy suggested bringing the players together to agree on which test(s) we will accept and what or if we should name it so the requirements are the same for each college.

- Bernadette, Mayra and Yesinia will look at that and send some possible language to move toward agreement. Everyone is welcome to send their thoughts regarding possible language.
- G.P.A requirements are written in the regulations. Is there a reason why and is there anything in the Ed Code? G.P.A's are different in other countries and hard to understand. There are no processes to evaluate G.P.A.'s from other countries and most people find it too complicated to check.
- If a student can't show an equivalent of a high school diploma, then maybe we should apply the ability to benefit test?
- Action Items
 - See if there is anything in the Ed Code that comments on the requirements of International Ed.
 - See what other community colleges' requirements are. Mayra will help look into this.
- A new issue was brought up regarding R-2214, 1.1.1.1 that states the equivalent of a U.S. high school diploma with a G.P.A. of 2.0 or above, or equivalent is required. The request is to remove the GPA requirement.
 - To change this will require a policy change that would need to go to the academic senate for discussion. This can be a new topic that we can come back to. Tammy will follow up.

Separating the regs and meetings for Study Abroad and IE

- Does the committee want separate meetings for IE and Study Abroad? Where would International Global studies reside? Would there be a third subcommittee of the committee or a separate committee? It was decided to try separating them.
- Tammy would like to see more of the people who work in International Studies at the table and also have some folks from global studies as well. Tammy will put a call out next fall for global studies people to attend one or both of the meetings.
- Next meeting is May 9th. The first 45 min will be International Ed. 3:00 – 3:45, the next 45 min will be Study Abroad 3:45 – 4:30. Tammy will provide one agenda that is separated out.

Understanding the guidelines that govern us and our students in International Admissions

- Online application
 - Tammy has not heard back yet regarding the online application.
 - The district did not know about the rule that IE students can only take one distance ed class a semester. Clarification; IE students need to have 9 units on ground; then they can take as many online classes as they want.

Updates

- 22 people going on London summer trip
 - 18 going on Paris summer trip
 - ARC - 90% course completion success rate
 - SCC – tax workshop, brown bag lunch
 - FLC – International students are starting a club?
 - ARC – Brooks will be speaking at a couple of Kamau’s classes
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- CITD Update
 - Brooks will be hosting a boot camp for faculty September 26 and 27, 2019. (NACCE) will talk about globalizing your curriculum. He will send a request to Tammy to make it a flex day.
 - April 25th, CITD, in conjunction with the California Asian Pacific Chamber and US Commercial Service will be hosting an event called Access Asia. The group is US diplomats from Japan, Vietnam and India. The focus will be on education, trade and tourism. Students and faculty are invited to attend. Brooks will send information.
 - CITD, in conjunction with Christina Mendonsa from Channel 10 created eight multi-disciplinary videos called Global Go that feature entrepreneurs from our area.
 - CCIE (California Colleges for International Education) membership
 - The membership had lapsed a long time ago. When we had the membership, apparently no one used it, so it was decided that the

money that it would cost for membership could be used to support students. If we decide we want to be *active* members, we could revisit this.

Other

- Kamau brought up that most schools are working to internationalize their curriculum. Is there a way to reach out to others that are doing this?
 - Tammy will add curriculum as a topic in a future IE meeting.

Next Meeting

- May 9, 2019
International Ed. 3:00 – 3:45,
Study Abroad 3:45 – 4:30