

Meeting Notes

International Education Committee

Thursday March 11, 2021

4:00 to 5:00 pm

Attendees:

Torence Powell - DO

Dennis Lee - SCC

Sam Driggers – SCC

May Yang – SCC

Riad Bahhur - SCC

Kerstin Feindert – CRC

Carlos Lopez – FLC

Richard Mowrer - FLC

Kale Braden - ARC

Kayla Anaya – ARC

- Welcome and Introductions
- College Updates (All)

FLC – No update

SCC – Launched the new global studies that involved two brand new courses. Both new courses have been able to fill. In this remote environment, we have been able to have guest speakers from around the world for global studies. We are also planning some interesting collaborations. One of them is a global business-pitching event for students.

- Study Abroad Updates (Kale Braden)

With the evacuation of students from Florence on February 20th, we realized that the system in the study abroad world was not as clear cut as we thought. There was a lot of miscommunication.

A decision should be made soon (end of April) whether or not students will be able to study abroad in 2022. If we can't make that call, the other three members of the consortium may decide to push forward and look for a forth partner.
- IE Interests/Projects (Alex Kagan, Riad Bahhur)
 - Resource sharing across campuses (Alex, Riad)

This might be a good time for planning and strategizing for recruitment. Maybe there is a way for the three main areas, international students, study abroad and global studies, to get together to share resources. SCC is willing to host forums or meetings to discuss the academic side for example.
 - Raising IE profile throughout District (Riad)

As a next step, a shared Google Doc will be set up so people can start brainstorming ideas for ways to achieve some of the goals and objectives.

- International Students

The government is not allowing us to accept new students from outside the country if they are not taking in person classes. We have been accepting transfer students within the US but our numbers are going down rapidly. All DSO's are meeting in the fall as we heard that career education programs would have some in person classes.

There are also issues with changing a student's status because we are online.

- Health insurance (Kayla Anaya)

Kayla gave a presentation on health insurance.

Major issues: Insurance is hard to enforce, it is not a federal regulation but is a college regulation. Students cannot afford the insurance. There is no equity in the current insurance process. The recommendation is to charge insurance via tuition on E services.

- Next Meeting October 14, 2021