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The University of Texas at Dallas
International Education Development Committee (IEDC)

Meeting – Tuesday, April, 16, 2019

MINUTES

Attending:  Andrew Blanchard, Ria Ghosh, Juan González, Edward Harpham, Rodolfo Hernandez, Tiacheng, Hu, Serenity King, Lisabeth Lassiter, Jessica Murphy, Michael Seeligson, Josephine Vitta

Absent: Sanaz Okhovat, Manuel Quevedo-Lopez, Jennifer McDowell, Jane Salk, Anvar Zakhidov

Guests: Deborah Buckner and Marilyn Kaplan

1. Welcome Remarks
Dr. Murphy welcomed IEDC members.

2. IEDC Charge and Committee List
Dr. Murphy explained changes in the leadership of the committee.

• Dr. Juan González – Chair
• Dr. Jessica Murphy – Vice Chair

The previous chair of the IEDC Committee was the AVP for International Programs, held by Cristen Casey. This position doesn’t exist anymore and has been replaced by the Senior Director of the International Center, whose duties do not line up the same way that matches the spirit of the charge. Because this position doesn’t exist, Dr. Murphy noted that this is a good time to reexamine the IEDC Charge.

Dr. Murphy asked members to look at the IEDC Charge and membership, including designation of votes. Some positions are no longer valid or up to date. This list will need to be updated to match the intent of the policy charge.
Next, Dr. Murphy asked everyone at the meeting to introduce themselves and tell where they fit within the International Education Development Committee charge and membership.

3. Introduction of Guests

Dr. Murphy introduced and welcomed guest, Dr. Marilyn Kaplan and thanked Debbie Buckner for taking care of the minutes.

4. Announcements / Updates

i. Student Government: Study Abroad Survey – Follow up (Hu)

Tiancheng Hu shared results from the *Student Government Study Abroad Survey Results*.

- Student Government conducted a study abroad survey in November and December 2018.
- This is a follow-up of the report given during the January IEDC Meeting.
- Reminded everyone that this is a very preliminary study, with only 3.15 percent of the student body represented or 683 responses, but does show a consistent trend across schools.
- Top two obstacles to participating in a Study Abroad Program, answered by respondents who said they are “not interested in Study Abroad”.
  - Cost
  - Fitness with degree plan, particularly with ECS and ATEC
- Obstacles to respondents who answered they “are interested in a Study Abroad Program”.
- The order of student interest in Study Abroad activities are as follows:
  - Exchange Program, Education Abroad
  - Internship
  - Faculty-Led Program
  - Study Abroad with 3rd party program (non UTD)
  - Volunteer
  - Academic Research
  - Independent Study
**Discussion:** IEDC members noted that the responses received were fairly uniform across schools and thanked Mr. Hu.

5. **International Partnerships**
   i. **Student Exchange Program Agreement between UT Dallas JSOM and the School of Management and Economics, Beijing Institute of Technology, P.R. China**

   Dr. Kaplan presented the proposal, sharing positive aspects of the proposal; it looks good in rankings and offers courses in English. Also noted that all slots at partner schools are full.

   Dr. Blanchard submitted the motion to recommend the approval and implementation of the program agreement proposal, seconded by Dr. Harpham. All in favor, no abstentions, nobody opposed. The proposal was approved unanimously.

   ii. **Student Exchange Program Agreement between UT Dallas JSOM and National Taiwan University, P.R. China – Renewal**

   Dr. Kaplan presented the renewal, noting that the agreement has been successful and Taiwan has been a good solid partner with rigorous exchange going both ways, as well as hosting our Chinese Alumni at Alumni Meetings. One thing that draws our students to National Taiwan University is that UT Dallas students, who are American Citizens, but their parents came from Taiwan or even attended National Taiwan University, want to experience some of what their parents experienced. Another item of note is that this partner school students’ are strong in IT.

   IEDC members discussed exchange mobility, including data reports and sustainability. **Action item:** the analysis of exchange program proposals will highlight historical data of mobility.

   Dr. Blanchard submitted the motion to recommend the approval and implementation of the program agreement proposal, seconded by Dr. Harpham. All in favor, no abstentions, nobody opposed. The proposal was approved unanimously.
iii. Master Degree in Finance Program Agreement between UT Dallas JSOM and Wenlan School of Business at Zhongnan University of Economics and Law, P.R. China

Dr. Kaplan presented the proposal. Program from student’s point of view saves money on housing costs, because of non-traditional semester breaks. Tuition is waived if GPA is 3.5 or higher, otherwise, tuition is paid for by student.

Dr. Kaplan confirmed that the JSOM Program Agreement proposals to recruit international students are in alignment with UT Dallas admission practices, including the conclusion of the Bachelor degree or equivalent at the home institution to be able to apply for UT Dallas admission at the graduate level.

Dr. Blanchard submitted the motion to recommend the approval and implementation of the program agreement proposal, seconded by Dr. Murphy. All in favor, no abstentions, nobody opposed. The proposal was approved unanimously.

iv. Program Agreement – Master of Science in Accounting Cohort Program, between UT Dallas JSOM and Nankai Business School at Nankai University, P.R. China

Dr. Kaplan presented the proposal. Students go through the program at a very fast pace. Last semester over a hundred alumni from this and similar programs passed the CPA on their first try.

Dr. Blanchard submitted the motion to recommend the approval and implementation of the program agreement proposal, seconded by Dr. Harpham. All in favor, no abstentions, nobody opposed. The proposal was approved unanimously.

6. Topics for next meeting

Submitted by Dr. Juan González - Status of Education Abroad Program. Analysis of what we are doing, what other universities are doing, where we are going, what information do you need from us? We need to change our culture and have a logical plan going forward. There’s a reason that we only send 1.6 percent of students to Study Abroad.
This topic will take up most of next week’s meeting.

**Topics for future meetings**

- Articulation Credits, need to do in a more logical and streamlined fashion.
- Dr. Kaplan chairing ad hoc committee to analyze how we do international partnerships and agreements. She will update the committee on a future date.
- Third party placements, make sure we have quality control.
- Update from UT System
- May need subcommittees, official or unofficial.

**Adjournment**

Dr. González adjourned the meeting and thanked everyone for their time and contributions.
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1. Welcome Remarks
Dr. González welcomed IEDC members.

2. Introduction of Guests
Dr. González introduced and welcomed guest, Dr. Marilyn Kaplan.

3. Announcements / Updates
   i. Josephine Vitta discussed the updated IEDC Charge and committee list. A discussion ensued. It was agreed upon that the Chair and Vice Chair would alternate positions every other year. It was also agreed upon by the members that the International Center would provide ongoing administrative support to the IEDC Committee. Serenity King asked for the amendments to be made quickly so that the new list could be sent to the Academic Senate.

   Dr. González requested the motion to amend the IEDC Charge. Dr. Blanchard motioned to approve the amendment, seconded by Lisabeth Lassiter. All in favor, no abstentions, nobody opposed. The motion was approved unanimously.

   ii. Lisabeth Lassiter presented and discussed the status of the Education Abroad Program. Lisabeth presented benchmarking and budget models
for Texas A&M University, UT Austin, Michigan State University and Purdue University. Members discussed the presented information. Michael Seeligson suggested that the IEDC break up into sub-committees to present specific models for increasing study abroad participation and alternate funding models.

4. Consent Agenda
   i. IEDC Minutes for 4.16.19
   ii. Affiliation Agreement between UT Dallas JSOM and Rennes School of Business, France – Renewal – Sponsor: Dr. M. Kaplan
   iii. Agreement of Cooperation between UT Dallas NSM and Sungkyunkwan University, S. Korea -- Sponsor: Prof. Duck J. Yang

Dr. Murphy made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Tiacheng Hu seconded the motion. All in favor, no abstentions, nobody opposed. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. International Partnerships
   i. Student Exchange Program Agreement between UT Dallas JSOM and Rennes School of Business, France – Renewal – Sponsor: Dr. M. Kaplan

Dr. Kaplan presented the proposal, a discussion ensued. Dr. Harpham submitted the motion to recommend the approval and implementation of the renewal program proposal, seconded by Dr. Blanchard. No further discussion. All in favor, no abstentions, nobody opposed. The proposal was approved unanimously.

   ii. Student Exchange Program Agreement between UT Dallas ISM University of Management and Economics, Lithuania – Sponsor: Dr. M. Kaplan.

Dr. Kaplan presented the renewal, noting this program has a large amount of business courses and it’s a safe place to visit and study. Lisabeth Lassiter asked to reconsider the November 1st deadline. It was also requested that alignment of the English proficiency requirement be aligned with current institutional practice. A discussion between members ensued.

Dr. Blanchard submitted the motion to recommend the approval and implementation of the program agreement proposal, seconded by Josephine Vitta. No further discussion. All in favor, no abstentions, nobody opposed. The proposal was approved unanimously.
6. Topics for next meeting

Submitted by Dr. Juan González - Status of Education Abroad Program. Analysis of what we are doing, what other universities are doing, where we are going, what information do you need from us? How to increase the number of UT Dallas students in the Education Abroad Program. (We only send 1.6% of the students abroad).

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Adjournment

Dr. González adjourned the meeting and thanked everyone for their time and contributions.