

Minutes from April GILC meeting for April 23, 2015

Attendance Sign In

William (Bill) Conner, Chair (Portsmouth)

Youlander M. Hilton, temporary recorder/secretary(Portsmouth) *ymlh*

Other Members and ex-officio representatives in attendance:

Lauren Escobales (Ex-Officio)

Kevin Brady

Paul English

Noreen LaPiana

Ann P. Ambrose

Susan James (Ex-Officio)

Michele Marits

Jeanne Natali (Ex-Officio)

Laura Soulsby (Ex-Officio)

Joy Yaeger

Shana Haines

Angela Slaughter

Michael Bounds

I. Call to order: The TCC GILC meeting was call to order on April 23, 2015 at 2:42 p.m. on the 6th Floor of TCC's Martin Bldg. in Room 2610 on the Norfolk campus, and via WebEx.

II. Roll call: It was announced by William (Bill) Conner (Chair) that Kevin Brady (Chesapeake campus) would be filling in for Dr. Barbara Blake Gonzalez (past recording secretary) during this meeting, the last one for this fiscal year. Attendees signed in on a "sign-in sheet". Table/desk name tags were provided to best identify participants during this committee meeting by Youlander.

III. Susan James: Recapped what the President's Office was looking for in the way of feedback on its proposed *Diversity and Inclusion Statement*.

IV: Approval of minutes: Michele Marits made a motion to approve the Jan and March 2015 minutes with an attached letter added from Shana Haines; This added letter was suggested to be submitted from Bill (There was no meeting for Feb. 2015 due to the weather); Kevin seconded this motion. All were in favor, and these minutes were approved.

V. Jeanne Natali's Office of Intercultural Learning Report for 2015 to 2015: Question was asked, what does the Intercultural office do? This answer was explained..

A "Summative Status Report for Year 1 and the Charge for Years 2 and 3 was passed out and discussed in detail. This report covered six pages by Dr. Natali (Jeanne) in detail and develops the framework of for such a report but not professional development. The next step is to send this report to Fred Stemple. This report covered the area of a faulty profile. Kevin asked will this process be one year. Dr. Natali stated it would be a one year process. The key notes of this framework will built a certification from this process. Bill Conner asked will we be bringing in high profile speakers to help the Business International Education program. Dr. Natali stated speakers in global business trade will help influence the content of the teaching in this area.

Dr. Natali stated (1) high profile speakers were used at the Roper Theater, and then (2) the Institute of International Education went with putting student programs in the campus student centers. (3). We now use a model of having two programs with a breakfast which got more for the money in this kind of speaker/programs for \$15,00 to \$20,000 for a good speaker.

She stated, TCC will be opening an intercultural center on the Va. Beach campus with no interruptions in services and a co-relocation stage. Presently there is an international office for students located already on this campus. The ESL program is also on this campus. Students attending the Visual Arts program may also enroll on all campuses. We presently have over 101 countries represented on TCC campuses.

VI: Subcommittee Updates:

- a. **Tradium Update:** This subcommittee has been having regularly monthly meetings. Presently, nine students have been selected; Seventeen applied. Two or three students did not remain in the application pool due to individual funding. Presently, scholarship offers have been extended and we are waiting to see if they are all accepted. A question came up if students will be allowed to go if they are not registered on campus; The answer is no due to not enough school funding is available. Dr. Natali stated this level or amount of scholarship will not be offered or available next year. Bill stated other sources are needed to fund scholarships. Dr. Natali stated if funding is not found or become available, students will need to self-pay.

Sarah Dicalogero asked if any credit was going to be available for participants. For example, a study abroad program would provide 1 to 3 credits.

Bill responded this is not a study aboard program. We need to get the students identified through international business and social studies background profiles. Bill will work with Tradium to find course work similar to what each student is taking when or before students arrive in Demark. It is hoped that the two week worth of the above coursework will be transferable to something of value here at TCC. For example, professors may give credit for two weeks of homework while the students are in Denmark.

Presently, there is a need for host families for the Danish students. Instead of having eight students like last year, this fall we need placement for 20 students. We need to interact more with Virginia Beach, Chesapeake and Norfolk campuses. Logistics are an issue because currently, TCC owns 4 campus vans, but doesn't employ any drivers. Thus, TCC has logistics equipment to transport the students, but it needs to come up with a way to get more people to drive.

The students will visit from September 21 to October 6th. Tcc students will go to Denmark from August 29 or 31 to September 13th. Presently, we have ½ dozen host families to house Denmark students incoming. Bill stated a profile will be sent out to faculty and staff members such as which students have pet allergies or smoked. Some of the Danish students do smoke which was a

previous concern for the host families. Some of the host families did not want to deal with smoke in their clothes. Sixteen to eighteen year Danish students are used to being independent and do not like to be micro-managed. They prefer not to be chaperoned all over the place and want some freedoms.

Study Abroad Update: A rubric draft will be sent to all faculty; Dr. Natali will develop and put together this idea. During the first week of May, this will be on the agenda for Michele Marits to review.

- b. **Programming Update:** Laura Soulsby needs the program committee feedback. The Literacy Festivals is still left to be planned. July 1 is the target date to list all of the Keynote Women History Month planning. It would be great to have the Literacy Festival in April planned ahead for next year. Jeanne stated by the first of the year, the programming will be done.
- c. **Cultural Competency Update:** Work has been done previously on faculty certification by Laura Hanson before she left the college, and work continued until Barbara Blake left to go to ODU. Jeanne needs to identify speakers for 2015 and 2016. Jeanne stated the charge to develop framework is ready to go and the framework for the students will be different.

The committee considered how successful completion of the program will be rewarded and measured. Kevin Brady wondered if faculty who successfully complete could be recognized in some way. Bill Conner raised the question of whether some type of stipend might be available if a faculty member successfully completes the program. Jeanne Natali indicated that the subcommittee would have a wide range to recommend rewards for completion.

- d. **Model UN Update:** Dr. DeMarte asked us to think about doing this program; Will it be worth it? The subcommittee can explore meeting wants or needs back in September. Michael Bounds is working on this and will send to subcommittee, where we are. There was no development this year of this program. Sarah DiCalogero. believes we should poll the students but this may prove somewhat bias; Students may respond if they want to. However, a poll may gauge the student interest. Sarah asked if we could do a “monkey survey” to poll the clubs, the campus representatives, and the entire population of students.

VII: New Business and Plan: Question was asked, “Do we need to re-elect Bill as Chair?” Sarah stated we do not need to do so until the fall.

- a. **2015-2016 Charge-Jeanne Natali:** A “GILC 2015-16 Charge” sheet dated Thursday, April 23, 2015 listing 6 items, some contingence was passed out by Jeanne. It was suggested the committee come up with edits, additions, and take-offs and send back by e-mail address this list. Jeanne stated this committee is only to make recommendations. Kevin stated as a professional move, do in August instead of October and give out content. It was stated there are: 1-2 vacancies from the below campuses: 1 or more from Chesapeake, 1 from Virginia Beach and 2 from Norfolk. Portsmouth is well staffed. We should have 20 people on the committee next year.
- b. **Next Meeting: Proposed on September 17, 2015:** Sarah asked if the meeting time will stay the same; Bill announced that the meetings for next year will continue to occur on the third Thursday of the month at 2:30 pm. in Norfolk.
- c. **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 4:10 pm.