

TCC GILC Meeting came to order on Thursday, November 13, 2014 at 2:40 p.m., College Board Room, Green Building, Norfolk campus, and via WebEx

Attendance Sign In

William Conner, Chair, Portsmouth
Dr. Barbara Blake Gonzalez, Recorder/Secretary, Chesapeake
Noreen La Piana (via WebEx)
Lauren Escobales
Michael Bounds
Laura Soulsby
Youlander Hilton
Michele Marits
Susan Boland
Paul English
Angela Slaughter
Paul Lasakow
Joy Yaeger
Ronald A. Gray
Sarah DiCalogero

After the call to order, the October 2014 minutes, pending the spelling correction of certain committee members' name, were approved. Bill announced to the committee his wish that all subcommittees should start meeting independently and providing an update during the regular monthly meetings to be productive and save the committee's time.

Tradium Update

Chair Bill Conner updated the committee on the debriefing meeting held on October 27. The meeting was productive and costs and other program roadblocks were discussed. Bill informed the committee that after week 42 in the Danish schedule, Danish Professors cannot travel overseas. Possible 2015 exchange dates were presented to the committee. The Danish should arrive September 23-October 12, 2015. August 28, 2015 – September 13, 2015 could be a potential trip for TCC to go to Denmark since the weather is much better at that time of year. Youlander mentioned that it would be wise if TCC exchange participants were to receive an introduction to Danish culture and language before the trip. On Dec. 9th, there will be a public meeting to discuss student exchanges and it will be held in Chesapeake.

Study Abroad

The Study Abroad subcommittee will meet for the first time after the committee meeting today. Susan Boland mentioned to the committee that the suspension of Study Abroad trips did not appear to have been communicated to faculty, especially regarding the regularly planned trip to Ireland. It was suggested that the trip was ready to go with paid participants, but it was cancelled abruptly. Various committee members agreed that there was committee knowledge that there was to be a suspension of study abroad trips but most were unsure if it was ever communicated to the college faculty and staff. The committee debated who was responsible for making sure that faculty knew that the study abroad program had been suspended. It was suggested that communication is very important and that the committee should make sure that future decisions impacting faculty will be communicated in a timely manner. (Chair's Note: While not discussed at the meeting, Bill Conner reviewed old governance documents and determined that revisions to the study abroad programs were discussed and included in GILC minutes in the November meeting of 2013. This is the excerpt: *The key revisions*

are (1) all new programs are integrated into existing academic courses; (2) the minimum time prior to the target departure to begin the course proposal process is 18 months; (3) all academic activities abroad must align with the learning outcomes. The committee discussed setting a timeframe within which all study abroad course proposals must be submitted for review for a specific departure time frame so that the best proposal goes forward to implementation. These minutes were posted on the website. An argument can therefore be made that this was notification that the study abroad program had been suspended: No existing program, including the Ireland trip, met the new criteria, and new ones would not have endured the complete 18 month proposal process requirement. However, as evidenced by the discussion during this meeting, in hindsight this notice was not adequate. An agenda item during the January meeting will allow the committee to consider the definition of adequate notice for policy changes such as this.)

Bill discussed that the Study Abroad subcommittee would be discussing and making recommendations for the peer review guidelines and the process for future study abroad courses/trips. The most recent interest was an individual with a desire to go to Zimbabwe.

Intercultural Learning Programming

Associate Director, Laura Soulsby, presented an update on programming for Black History and Women's History month. She has a meeting next week to wrap up the details for the Rwanda speaker. Committee members are still encouraged to complete the one page Theme suggestion sheet for the 2015/2016 year. These sheets may easily be dropped off to the office. New formats are always welcome!

Global Competency Certificate/Subcommittee

Bill Conner announced to the committee that Laura Hanson had resigned from TCC and leadership was needed on the Global Competency Certificate Subcommittee. It was also explained that Dr. DeMarte would like to see the faculty certificate ready for Fall 2015. Barbara volunteered to contact Laura and work with her to turn over the certificate information to this year's subcommittee before her departure from the college. Sarah DiCalogero questioned the relevancy of the certificate and wanted to know how the certificate would fit into larger faculty development programs. She mentioned that graduate credit is the most valuable type of professional development. Barbara Blake Gonzalez mentioned that the certificate is a part of a new set of initiatives and a larger college wide professional development program. Volunteers were asked for to help with the completion of the certificate and Joy volunteered to work on the subcommittee. The subcommittee will update the committee in January on their progress.

Model UN

Sarah DiCalogero joined the Model UN subcommittee. An update was given on the need for a look at the feasibility of this program at TCC. Committee was encouraged to look at ODU and other programs and provide recommendations to the committee.

Academic Subcommittee

The subcommittee needs volunteers. Members would have the year to investigate and benchmark other programs. This subcommittee is at the very beginning of the development of any type of Global student degree.

World Affairs Council

Committee member Youlander Hilton provided the committee with an overview of the February 26, 2015 dinner event. The main event will be at WHRO in Norfolk with ticket prices: \$15 per student, \$25 for staff/members and \$35 for non-members. There will also be a dinner in a location to be determined. This event is normally \$40 per person. Does the committee want to send a few students or faculty members? Could Dr. Natali find funds for this event?

Next meeting

The GILC will meet on Thursday, Jan. 22 at 2:30 p.m., Green Building, Norfolk.

The meeting was motioned and seconded to adjourn at 4:10 p.m.