

TCC Global Learning Committee

Approved Minutes 4 December, 2008, 3:00 p.m., Martin 2505

Present: Tom Feist (Chair), Susan de Veer (Secretary), Debbie Edson, Azam Tabrizi, Carol Hodges, Sarah Greene, Dr. Jeanne Natali (ex officio), Dr. Lonnie Schaffer (ex officio), Dr. Geraldine Wright, Pete Shaw

Absent: Dr. Gabriela Toletti, Naaman Wood, Jackie Spiker, Danielle McLemore, Dr. Mike Bryan

Old Business

Review/Approve minutes from November 13 Meeting

Minutes were reviewed and approved with noted corrections.

New Business

Attendance reward system

The Chair proposed an attendance incentive system to reward faculty for consistent attendance and participation in the committee's projects. Prizes will be awarded at the end of academic year. There will be many opportunities for committee members to earn points and "tokens" to work towards the final awards and the prizes will be awarded at the end of the academic year. The rules and the point system are explained in a separate document emailed to the committee.

TCC Globalization Seminar 14 November

Several committee members attended the BIE Seminar (Naaman Wood, Tom Feist, Dr. Natali, Dr. Schaffer, Sarah Green and Carol Hodges) seminar and remarked on how stimulating it was to learn how to develop learning modules.

January 16, 2009 is the date of the next BIE seminar, which will be located at the Virginia Beach Campus. The focus of the January seminar will be about globalization in general, but specific to import/exports at the Virginia Beach port. The GLC is encouraged to participate.

PAPC Membership Review

The PAPC wants the GLC to review all committee members, the length of their participation and their role on the committee and submit this information to the PAPC.

Modified meeting schedule discussion

The Chair distributed the GLC 2008-09 academic year meeting calendar. Several members expressed conflicts on Tuesdays and Thursdays; however, Monday appears to be conflict free for most current members so the committee voted to move the Spring 09 meetings to Monday afternoons at 3 p.m.

Bylaws discussion

Discussion on draft bylaws tabled to January.

Grant discovery challenge

The Chair proposed the grant discovery challenge, which is designed to encourage creative ideas on ways to foster internationalization across the disciplines at TCC. Azam Tabrizi provided one example that she uses in her classroom, which is to focus on global geology rather than North American geology to encourage students' discovery of other cultures.

The committee was directed to a website database (www.cos.com) filled with a myriad of grant opportunities on a wide variety of subjects. Although the sifting process of the database is time-consuming, the outcome can ultimately yield rewards. The grant discovery challenge runs to the February 2009 meeting. The Chair noted that it is important to involve the Grants Office early in the process and so recommends that the Director of the Grants Office attend the February GLC meeting to participate in the committee's discussion.

GLC Website

The Chair requested a volunteer (to earn a participation token each month) to maintain the GLC website. Maintenance includes establishing a document repository, editing the membership roster, posting meeting minutes and agendas, and monitoring the leader board.

Jefferson Café update

Dr. Wright explored ways to stimulate intellectual conversation on all campuses. One idea is to challenge faculty, staff and students to read a selected book on globalization and then to engage in a college-wide conversation on a particular chapter or excerpt from the book. Friedman's *Flat, Hot and Crowded* was suggested as a possible starting point. It may be possible to download the book to an iPod for students; however, site licenses need to be researched. Dr. Wright also stated that iTunesU is not yet available.

Special Session of GLC held at VB

The committee previously voted to hold a special session at the Virginia Beach campus to include the International Student Alliance (ISA) leadership. While it was suggested to hold this meeting before the Fall semester ends to include current ISA leadership, exam week will likely prevent students from attending. The committee recommended to move the GLC's January meeting to the Virginia Beach campus and to invite the ISA student leaders to this meeting. The ISA members are eager to participate with the GLC.

International Student Volunteers (ISV)

The Chair reported that this organization offers 2 and 4 week programs that consist of 2 weeks of service followed by 2 weeks of travel and in-country immersion. Representatives of the organization will be at TCC on January 15 to recruit student participants. The Chair applied to lead a group of TCC student volunteers to a country abroad, preferably Thailand. If TCC recruits up 10 participants, the organization will recognize TCC. Because the ISV is a non-profit organization, donations to fund students on this program are tax deductible.

Clinton's Global Initiative Foundation Conference

Dr. Wright informed the committee about President Clinton's Global Initiative Foundation Conference scheduled in April 2009. This conference welcomes undergraduate participation. Information on the conference and potential student projects are located at <http://www.clintonglobalinitiative.org/NETCOMMUNITY/Page.aspx?&pid=1853>

The December 4th meeting adjourned 4:20 p.m.