

TCC GILC Meeting came to order on Thursday, September 18, 2014 at 2:35 p.m., Room 602, Green Building, Norfolk campus

Attendance Sign In

William Conner, Chair, Portsmouth
Dr. Barbara Blake Gonzalez, Recorder/Secretary, Chesapeake
Shana L. Haines
Noreen La Piana
Lauren Escobales
Michael Bounds
Dr. Jeanne Natali
Laura Soslby
Heather Blicher
Youlander Hilton
Karla Guilford Shipp
Michele Marits
Susan Boland
Paul English
Lynnette Fitch Brash
Manisha Trivedi
Angela Slaughter

While waiting on the visit from the Tradium Exchange students, Bill Conner went over the parking pass validation procedure for new committee members. In addition, it was mentioned to the committee that previous Spring 2014 committee minutes were unable for review but would be made available when accessible.

Tradium Exchange and Student Visit

The visiting students from Denmark were Frederick Damborg, Kristian Jakobsen, Emma Kramme, Frederik Lauridsen, Melissa Ellermann, Mikkel Moller, Jacob Mork and Martin Sojberg. Bill Conner asked the students to introduce themselves to the committee and then described their current level of activity to the committee including: attending TCC classes, their attendance of an ODU football game, a visit to the oceanfront at Sandbridge. Jim Roberts also entertained students. The students would also be participating in an all day field trip to Williamsburg and Jamestown on Friday, Sept. 19, 2014.

During the meeting, the students were encouraged to give the committee feedback on their impressions of the visit thus far. The students were content and were very satisfied with their host families with some calling their families the best part of the trip. When asked "what could be done better?", their comments included that pizza was served too much of the time, there was too much programming, too many similarities to Danish programming, there was a desire for more quiet time, and a desire for more time to explore the area.

The students were dismissed to go to MacArthur Center for shopping. After their departure, it was discussed that the Tradium exchange needed a subcommittee to review the program and group decisions were needed for future programming and exchanges.

Monthly meeting schedule

The third Thursday of the month, 2:30 to 4 pm, with the next meeting on Oct. 16th was established as the monthly meeting day and time for the 2014-2015 year. The committee will also consult IT to try and establish a

Webex or Netmeeting access for monthly meetings for faculty that have longer commutes and tight teaching schedules.

Subcommittees

Tradium Subcommittee

Future concerns for the new subcommittee could include the coordination of programming, host family and scheduling issues, the need for diverse curriculum for future students, programming feedback for Danish Professors to include communicating with students on individual desires for classes prior to US arrival, and students also asked for more case studies. Committee members were asked to serve on the subcommittee for the 2014-2015 year. A sign up list was circulated.

Study Abroad

Director of the Office of Intercultural Learning, Dr. Jeanne Natali asked for support with the study abroad committee to work once again with the Office for Intercultural Learning. Last year, the committee set up parameters, such as defining study abroad, etc. and this year, the committee will make recommendations to executive staff on policies, procedures, and administrative needs. Dr. Demarte will advocate for the subcommittee and receive committee recommendations for review. Candidates for this committee should be experienced in administrative work such as proofreading as well as knowledge of policy. Committee members were asked to serve on the subcommittee for the 2014-2015 year. A sign up list was circulated.

Intercultural Learning Programming

The 2014-2015 “Changing America” programming is almost complete with the literary festival as the only component yet to be determined. Assistant Director, Laura Soulsby, presented an update on programming and distributed several handouts on proposed upcoming events (Michael Tubbs, Sonia Manzano, etc). Karla Guilford Shipp made a motion to approve the proposed programming and Michele Marits seconded. The motion passed, no one opposed and no one abstained the vote.

This year’s subcommittee will be charged with determining the 2015-2016 programming to include Hispanic Heritage, International Education Week, Jewish Film Festival, Black History Month, Women’s History Month and the TCC Literary Festival. Both Bill Conner and Dr. Jeanne Natali expressed a desire for the interaction of the Office of Student Activities to develop one calendar and to work collaboratively to achieve maximum programming reach. Committee members were asked to serve on the subcommittee for the 2014-2015 year. A sign up list was circulated.

TABLED ISSUES:

The development of a cultural competency certificate program for faculty. In spite of last year’s subcommittee developing a good framework for this program, there are many issues to consider: using an outside agency to develop the curriculum for the faculty. Dr. Natali expressed a desire to check funding, to communicate with the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities (VCIC) and several other possibilities to include incorporating the Batten centers, and working with Dr. Terry Jones.

The development of an academic certificate/Global Degree or Certificate for students. A relevant issue for the committee is whether or not a faculty certificate program must be pursued before the student program or if these

programs could be developed laterally. Dr. Natali asked if working on both programs would be possible in one academic year?

There was discussion about whether one subcommittee should be tasked with both the global competency for faculty and the global degree / global certificate for students. The issue was tabled until October 16th.

The possibility of a Model UN Club or club structure at TCC. Questions include: Are there funds for this initiative? Would this club need to be coordinated with student activities?

Next meeting

The GILC will meet on Thursday, Oct. 16th, at 2:30 p.m., Green Building, Norfolk.

The meeting was motioned and seconded to adjourn at 4:24 p.m.

Current Committee Sign Ups

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