

Meeting Minutes
Ferris State University Academic Senate
International Education Committee (IEC)

Tuesday, April 11, 2017
IRC 134

Attendees:

Scott Cohen, Chair
Antionette Smith Epps
Cami Sanderson
Jerry Emerick
Piram Prakasam, Ex-officio
Roberta Teahen, Ex-officio

Members not in attendance:

Jim Rumpf
Marty Lier

Invitees in attendance:

Khagendra Thapa
Sandy Alspach
Rose Baron

The meeting was called to order at 11:03am.

Invitees from the Ferris State University Academic Senate were welcomed to the final IEC meeting of the year to discuss concerns regarding Dr. Cohen's presentation to the Senate of IEC recommendations in regard to Study Abroad procedures. After introductions were completed, Dr. Cohen invited Dr. Thapa to introduce the topic.

Dr. Thapa thanked everyone for their service on the IEC and noted the importance of faculty volunteering their time to enhance FSU academic programs and services. He went on to recognize the role of the IEC in recruiting and retaining international faculty and students. He further noted that there was a difference in opinion regarding process related to the International Educator of the Year award—specifically around public release of finalists' names. The IEC agreed to incorporate process wherein finalists' names would not be released until they formally accept nomination.

In regard to the Study Abroad proposal, Dr. Thapa indicated any proposal from the IEC would be considered after approval from the FSU Academic Senate Executive Board.

Dr. Prakasam shared the history of how the matter of Study Abroad procedures came to be of concern and the process used to develop the document that the IEC has recommended.

Next Meeting Date for IEC:

September 12, 2017; 11am; IRC 134 (tentative)

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 12:03pm

Submitted by:

Antionette Smith Epps; August 31, 2017