

Committee on International Students and Scholars

Minutes, September 11, 2015

Call to Order: 12:40PM

Adam: English 3; Private company that offers English Language e-courses; specifically targeting content to institutions who do not have English Language Training programs on their campus; andrew.curran@english3.com

Heather- There are a lot of ESL programs out there that are developing small customizable English language training programs such as Shorelight & INTO. They attend the regional & national conferences expo. Hall

Adam- Study Georgia, 501(3)(c) organization; <http://studygeorgia.us/>; Consortium organization representing public & private institutions including academic and language programs to promote GA as a study destination; Current chair is Chenelle Goyan at UGA;

Marisa will add the email from Chenelle to forward it to all in the minutes; efforts are underway; EdUSA & OACAC fairs; Advertisements in the hardcopy manuals; Study GA going to London (multiple institutions participating); Managing website will be changing to allow schools to make their own updates; Openings on the Study GA team; \$375 annual registration fee (renewal)

GAIE Planning: Rhonda Dowell (UNG)- Date being proposed for winter conference in January may conflict with other activities; Brasstown Bald resort being considered for the location; Planning committee meeting 1st Tuesday of each month on the Agnes Scott campus (October 6th); Suggestions to re-consider location and time of year (move back to February) from the floor; Get involved in the planning;

Suggestion from Heather to bring the summer conference back to Atlanta; Many people agreed; www.gaie.org

GILC- Georgia International Leadership Conference (since 2000); Annual student conference held over the weekend each winter filled with sessions/teambuilding/leadership activities for former or future study abroad students and international students; starts with a service project on Friday; apx. 200 students and 20 or so faculty/advisors; Rock Eagle 4H; <http://gilc.weebly.com/>

Adam; Introduction of new Director for OIE, ISSS; Tammy Rosner; brief introduction for those who were not at the earlier SCIE meeting; Reminder that the USG system has a J program to facilitate Exchange Visitor program activities across the state; She is excited to help the USG schools with the wide array of immigration related questions and support all of the diverse needs that touch ISSS (admissions etc...); She will likely look to all of us to support committees and groups that will be needed to ensure the voice of ISSS in the state is served at the USG level;

Dr. Podoll- A question came in about what funds can be used to pay agents? This case is one that brings up an important point about when to ask for policy guidance.

If something needs to be policy- it needs to go to USG; there is a student affairs manual and a business procedures manual in place that can be modified/updated relatively easily, MUCH more time consuming to make changes to policy. If you see anything on the http://www.usg.edu/international_education/ that needs to be updated please email Tammy.

Jill Stuckey- the business professional connected to the Brazil initiatives;

Jason Wynn- Question about USG selling a plan that is not ACA Compliant Plan to students who may become tax residents and need a compliant plan to avoid a tax penalty; Dr. Podoll answered his concerns with assurance that there is no problem with us promoting as an option a non ACA compliant plan. Discussion of the connections between PGH Global and United Health Care and USG vetting of insurance.

Continued discussion of SHIP insurance plan vs. PGH plan differences and ACA compliance and tax penalty

UGA's website has a really great ACA resource: Robin has shared the document with the committee

Marisa: Reminder that NAFSA Region VII conference will have 2 reps. from the J EVP; Encourage J programs to schedule time to meet with Mark Howard and Elizabeth Ongao.

Meeting Adjourned 1:40