

CASSC International Education Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2006

Those in attendance: April Burriss, Ruth Ann Balla, McKenzie Fleurimond, Geraldine Perry-Walker
Absent with notification: Sean Madison, Joel Fleischer, Carol Miller, Biaggio Auricchio, Dulce Beltran,
No response: Phyllis Baker, Marta Montes

- I. The meeting was officially open and called to order at 1:00 pm. Those in attendance made brief introductions and were welcomed by the Committee Chair. The official charge of the committee was read and reviewed with all present agreeing on the purpose of the CASSC International Education Committee. (Committee responsibilities available online at <http://www.mdc.edu/cassc/ie.asp>)

- II. The members present reviewed the baseline report for the Office of International Education (2005-2006). The Office of International Education met or exceeded nearly all priorities set for the academic year 2005-2006 according to the EPPA Planning Priorities set in 2005. A copy of the report is attached for members and is available for review online at http://www.mdc.edu/cassc/documents/ie_report_2005-2006.pdf

- III. A brief discussion was held regarding future business items.
 - a. Task points study abroad – There was agreement on the need for an actual faculty/staff presence at each campus to support study abroad – a briefing on the task point proposal was provided for members.
 - b. Study abroad registration options- a review meeting of the study abroad registration procedures has been set for early May 2006 with Dwight Smith and Mollie DeHart of EPPA
 - c. Financial Aid – standards and procedures – identified as an area that will be taken under review by the committee
 - d. Faculty International Professional Development Seminars- new area of interest that can help faculty develop international expertise, linkages, and partnerships that will foster development of new student programs abroad.
 - e. Outreach to Campuses – Committee members discussed ways to improve outreach to campuses. SGA representative (McKenzie Fleurimond) suggested that more information be disseminated via student press/media. He proposed that we find out how to study abroad objectives in the student agenda books published via Student Life.

- IV. Announcements, Updates, and Additions – The importance of distance learning, web-enhanced, and hybrid courses was discussed in relation to expanding international education and study abroad opportunities. The unique capacities of the Virtual College and distance learning technologies to transcend time and space can help tailor short-term, academically-linked, and cost effective international education programs. These programs can include study abroad, service learning, and learning community approaches. The Executive Director of Distance Learning (Ruth Ann Balla) saw very appropriate and exciting possibilities in this area. Faculty representative, Geraldine Perry-Walker shared her own personal outreach efforts in sponsoring students from the Caribbean here at Miami Dade College. All present were supportive of and impressed by this kind of individual effort.
- V. Agreement was reached on the need for an additional meeting of the International Education CASSC Committee prior to the fall 2007 semester. This will give all members, those present as well as those not able to attend an opportunity to review today's meeting and baseline report from OIE. Fridays were best for those members present and the chair will send a meeting notice to all members in the near future.

Meeting adjourned