

Global Programs Advisory Committee (GPAC) Fall 2017 Meeting

September 14, 2017

Meeting notes

Attendees: Leo De La Fuente, Gobena Huluka, Adam Newby, Dennis Shannon, Roshini Brizmhon, Wayde Morse, Lee Chiba, Stanley Windham, Tung-Shi Huang, Kelly Pippin, Bill Daniels

Introductions and Term of service:

- Dennis Shannon called the meeting to order at 14:15.
- Self-introduction; three new members: Adam Newby (HORT), Roshini Brizmhon (Ag Econ), Gobena Huluka (CSES). The other two new members weren't present.
- Dennis Shannon was elected for a second 1-year term and will continue serving as the Chair of the GPAC until next fall– unanimous approval.
- Bill Daniels proposed bylaw changes – to change ‘Assistant Dean and Director of Global Programs (ADDGP)’ To ‘Director of Global Programs (DGP)’ throughout bylaws – all attendees were in favor.

New Business/Action Items

- Study Abroad:
 - Beth Guertal (CSES) is in the process of establishing a brand new Faculty-Led Study Abroad trip to Costa Rica. The first trip is scheduled to be from December 13 -19, 2017. The theme of this trip is ‘Sustainable Agriculture in Costa Rica’. This short course offers an exciting opportunity to learn first-hand about tropical agriculture in different agroecological regions in Costa Rica. It will emphasize production models that are both environmentally and socially sustainable.
- 3+2/3+1 Programs; College-level general MOU(s):
 - Currently, revising 3+2 agreement with Qingdao Agricultural University and EPP-Dr. Liu. SACS now requires approval of any 3+1, 3+2, etc. agreements prior to implementation. OIP has a template for individual degree programs versus using the College of Agriculture Broad agreement followed by specific degree agreement. Best to move to new model to avoid issues with SACS. Also, President Leath is reading each request in detail.
 - NWAUFU (Northwest Agricultural and Forestry University) has proposed a new 3+1 degree leading to dual degrees from NWAUFU and AU. OGP is not going to move forward until it has interest from the departments.
 - General MOU between Auburn University the College of Agriculture and Nanjing Research Institute for Agriculture Mechanization, Ministry of Agriculture, P.R. China, signed by College and waiting NRIAM signatures. NRIAM has invited 4-6 persons to visit in late October/early November and plans are underway.

- Dr. Daniels will travel with Dr. George Flowers, Dean of the Graduate School, to recruit and evaluate potential students between November 5-11 at NWAUFU, Ocean University of China (OUC), Qingdao Agricultural University (QAU) and China Agricultural University (CAU). Departments please contact Bill Daniels if they want to send any messages to these four universities.
- The College of Agriculture, through Dennis Shannon's efforts (CSES), recently signed an agreement with the International Fertilizer Development Center (IFDC). CSES will assist with recording workshops/training so that they can be offered online using Canvas Catalog on ACESAG servers. Discussions are also underway to create a center for fertilizer sciences in the College of Agriculture.
- **Working groups:**
 - Cuba working groups have always been active. Stanley Windham had concerns how Hurricane Irma is going to impact AU's work with Cuba. Bill Daniels expressed concerns with communication between colleagues and traffic through Havana and visa delays.
 - Latin working groups is not as active as the Cuba working groups. Leonardo De La Fuente comments that it might be better if we can pick one or two Latin countries and start our work with one or two specific countries.
 - OGP will update/revamp the 'Working groups' website as soon as it gets more information.
- **Housing:**
 - Bill Daniels and Kelly Pippin met with AU Global Director of Student Service, Mr. Charus Campbell, and Accommodations Coordinator Rachel Suddes to discuss options to use their 'excess' housing from the AU Global program to house visiting scholars. The intent is to provide the connection between AU Global and visiting scholars as one option for short-term housing in Auburn. They utilize 3&4-bedroom apartments at Tiger Lodge and The Grove. Contracts would be between scholars and AU Global, not the College of Agriculture.
- **Old Business:**
 - Build a tracking system of "who does what where". Adam Newby suggested that GPAC member from each department could track what is happening within their department and report to Bill Daniels periodically. Stanley Windham comments that each department head can report this information to OGP as well. Bill Daniels shared his thoughts about distributing survey to each department monthly.