

Global Programs Advisory Committee (GPAC) Fall 2018 Meeting

September 27, 2018

Minutes

Attendees: Leonard De La Fuente, Gobena Huluka, Adam Newby, Dennis Shannon, Roshini Brizmhon, Wayde Morse, Lee Chiba, Stanley Windham, Alicia Powers, Allen Davis, Brenda Ortiz, Karen Veverica, Mark Dougherty, Valentina Hartarska, Wilmer Pacheco, Yifen Wang, Kelly Pippin, Bill Daniels

Introductions and Term of service:

- Dennis Shannon called the meeting to order at 9:31 AM
- New member self-introduction: Alicia Powers (College of Human Sciences)
- Dennis Shannon's role as the GPAC chair reached to an end as of September 2018 according to the Bylaws; Yifen Wang (Biosystems Engineering) was elected as the new chair for an initial 1-year term with the eligibility of extending for another year – unanimous approval.
- Karen Veverica will be retiring early next year, which leaves a vacancy for staff member.

New Business/Action Items

- Study Abroad:
 - Valentina Hartarska, OGP and AU Abroad Office are working together to renew the 1:1 Exchange Agreement with Fédération des Ecoles Supérieures d'Ingénieurs en Agriculture (« FESIA »), France. One CoAg undergraduate has applied to study in Lille, France in Spring 2019 for a semester. Once the agreement is officially renewed, OGP will be working with the faculty coordinator on recruiting and other details.
 - Wilmer Pacheco commented that there is still a lot to evaluate in regard to running a study abroad trip in Honduras. At the meanwhile, Poultry Science plans on getting 4 or 5 Interns from Honduras next Spring semester and few MS and PhD students next year.
 - Bill Daniels provided details about his upcoming trip to Vietnam (Dec 3-23, 2018). 16 Students have applied and Dr. Guillaume Salze (SFAAS) will assist with the class.
- Faculty Abroad:
 - Leonard De La Fuente asked about how to access the travel fund CoAg provides; Bill Daniels explained in details on how York ISP and OGP travel funds work. He also introduced incentives for international initiatives (collaboration) from Andy Gillespie's office (Office of International Programs).
 - Brenda Ortiz is invited as a keynote speaker by USDA FAS (USDA's engagement in the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation., "APEC") to talk about

“Promoting Gender Inclusion in Smart Agriculture - Harnessing Inclusive Opportunities, Embracing the Digital Future in Smart Agriculture” and will be traveling to Taipei Taiwan from Oct 22-24. She requested OGP to host a seminar after she returns in order to share knowledge and experience with the college.

- Leonard De La Fuente trip to Spain is invited as a speaker for the course “Plant diseases caused by *Xylella fastidiosa*: detection, identification, monitoring and control,” that will take place November 12-16, 2018, at the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Zaragoza, Spain; for the workshop “*Xylella fastidiosa*, ¿una amenaza imprevisible?” that will take place December 12-13, 2018 in Valencia, Spain.
 - Leonard De La Fuente will be teaching in Uruguay, October 12-23: “V Escuela Latinoamericana de Microbiología. Conociendo al enemigo: herramientas para el estudio de las interacciones entre bacterias patógenas y sus hospederos” [“V Microbiology School of Latin America. Knowing the enemy: tools for the study of the interactions between pathogenic bacteria and its hosts”]
 - Bill Daniels will be going to Malaysia in November to give a keynote presentation at the International Agriculture Congress 2018 (IAC2018; <http://conference.upm.edu.my/IAC18>), visit Universiti Putra Malaysia to discuss a general MOU with AU (SFAAS), and work with the Malayan Flour Mills Bhd. on their aquaculture development. He will also be going to Hawassa University, Ethiopia in January 2019 for the International Conference on Aquatic Resources and Aquaculture for Sustainable Development (ICAR-AQUA 2019; <http://www.hu.edu.et/aquaconf/#>).
 - Allen Davis will be working in Ecuador, Peru, Spain and few other countries in the upcoming months in the feed nutrition and feed management.
- 3+2/3+1 Programs; College-level general MOU(s):

Refer to OGP Fall 2018 report (online) to find recently signed/renewed MOUs.

- OGP is currently working on several MOUs or exchange agreements with Jilin Academy of Agricultural Sciences, China; National Kaohsiung University of Science and Technology, Taiwan and Fédération des Ecoles Supérieures d’Ingénieurs en Agriculture (« FESIA »), France.
- Dr. Daniels will be in China (October 13-27) visiting research institutions and then with Dr. Flowers to interview & recruit students and discuss further collaboration. They will be visiting with our partners at Ocean University of China, Qingdao Agricultural University (not yet scheduled), Northwest Agricultural and Forestry, and China Agricultural University.

- **Working groups:**
 - Dr. Daniels comments that Cuba working group is somewhat active, but the political environment is not very convenient for the scientists from the two countries to collaborate.
 - Dr. Pacheco will be traveling to Cuba in the near future using the World Poultry Foundation funds.
 - Dr. Alan Wilson traveled to Cuba recently using other funding sources.

- **Comments/updates from members:**
 - Yifen Wang pointed out that international student enrollment in Biosystems Engineering needs to be included in the report.

 - Allen Davis and Wilmer Pacheco suggested showing 3 years of data; so they can see the trends in enrollment, etc.

 - Brenda Ortiz, Allen Davis and Stanley Windham commented that faculty members conduct more international activities within departments than is recorded, need to count the beans but not sure where to draw the line. They would like to see OGP to increase its visibility in the college. Hosting more seminars and poster showcase are suggested. Bill Daniels agrees that increasing visibility is important given the benefits of international works. He has been working with the dean to make the college more supportive of international activities and to recognize those who are doing the work. Bill Daniels also will work with Josh to develop articles so the university and public are aware of what is happening internationally.

 - Bill Daniels gave a brief update on the OUC-AU Joint Center proposal status for FYI 2018. Things are moving forward, but with details that need to be finalized. He will also be meeting with the Joint Center administrators during his China trip.

 - Dennis Shannon provided an update on the search for the Assistant Dean and Director of Global Programs position. He is working with the college staff to schedule on-campus interviews for the two finalists.

 - Stanley Windham shared his experience of his trip to Dominican Republic. He commented that he is amazed by how motivated and how capable the local students are.

 - Karen Veverica traveled to Nigeria and Ghana in late September. She commented that the travel voucher is not set up well for people who travel to multiple countries. Valentina Hartarska stated that she is aware of the issue and that this is a university level problem.

- Wayde Morse (absent) shared with Kelly via email that the School of Forestry is revising their Teaching P&T and annual evaluation form. He would like to see how the GPAC group suggested Study Abroad classes should be rewarded/incorporated into a faculty's regular teaching roles.
- Valentina Hartarska introduced the Committee for Strategic Internationalization, of which she is a committee member. This committee is a university-level effort to improve on all aspects of international activities – teaching and learning, research, outreach and extension. The committee is assisted by the American Council on Education's Internationalization Laboratory. For more information, please visit: http://ocm.auburn.edu/newsroom/campus_notices/2018/08/311137.htm
- Roshini Brizmohun states that the college should utilize campus international resources to further promote the international works we do in the College of Agriculture.