

Asia Council Meeting
Friday, January 24, 2014, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Georgia College Macon Center – Room 308

1. Housekeeping

The meeting was called to order by the Council Vice-Chair David Starling (Valdosta State University) at 1:10 p.m. In attendance were: Paul Rodell (Georgia Southern University), Wei Liu (Georgia Gwinnett College), Ken Nguyen (Clayton State University), Baogang Guo (Dalton State College), and DK Kim (Dalton State College)

2. Review of Minutes & Approval – Due to the absence of Secretary, Flor A. Culpa-Bondal there were no minutes.

3. Report of Committee Activity

- a. Progress report on the Asian Studies Certificate at various campuses reveals that there is a lack of student participants and a real need to send out reminders about the program. It was also suggested that there should be a review of the Certificate for the percent of Asia material in courses that count toward completion of the Certificate.
- b. The report on study abroad programs concentrated on programs designed for the coming summer.
 - 1.) Baogang Guo noted that the China program was smaller than in the past perhaps because of other alternatives that individual campuses may offer.
 - 2.) Starling reported on his program to Japan which was making its numbers and was scheduled to proceed. He passed out a flyer for the program and asked for assistance in recruiting.
 - 3.) There was also discussion of the possibility of developing a program for Korea that was DK Kim's interest. Advice was given and hopefully a program might emerge in the future.
 - 4.) Although Flor Culpa-Bondal was not at the meeting there was concern that due to the recent typhoon that hit the Philippines, especially the island of Bohol that her summer program may not be viable.
- c. Paul Rodell announced the plans for the third Asia Council Faculty Development Workshop that will be held in April at Georgia Perimeter College and will focus on Southeast Asia. A tentative program has been set, local arrangement made, and flyers distributed.

4. Financial Update – David Starling reported that the Council still had a decent bank balance, but could not supply specifics as Salli was privy to that information and she was not here. There was some discussion as to why the council was holding the money and why it was held at Georgia Perimeter. The Council is being as frugal as possible since the state has reduced its infusion of support to Zero so we must be careful with our expenditures that Georgia Perimeter is keeping for us as a matter of convenience.

5. Asia Council Website and new listserv – David Starling discussed the need to post international studies directors of the system's campuses and for a faculty list by campus.
6. SCIE – There was little news from the state council other than the possibility that a new director might soon be hired.
7. Asian Events – some announcements were made and Starling appealed for information that he can post on the website.
8. Next Meeting is tentatively planned for September 5 at the usual time of 1:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at about 2:20 p.m.

Paul A. Rodell
Acting Secretary