Global Steering Committee Minutes  
November 21, 2013  
1:30 – 2:30 PM Alumni Board Room

**Members Present:** David Abedon, Jenny Audette, Sigrid Berka, Tom Boving, Dania Brandford-Calvo, Haibo He, Kristin Johnson, Maureen Moakley, Ric McIntyre, Navindra Seeram, Nancy Stricklin  
**Members Not Present:** Shaw Chen, Alicia Curtin, Bo Gillie, Kathleen Maher, Kat Quina, Yang Shen, Manbir Sodhi, Nasser Zawia

1) **Global Website and Chairs Forum** – Nancy was on the agenda to present to the Chairs Forum about the Global Website, a request for a list of courses with a global theme and a request for faculty to fill out the on-line survey. The agenda was changed and she was not able to present. She will be on the agenda for the spring forum.

2) **National Collegiate Inventors and Innovators Alliance (NCIIA)** – David Abedon updated committee on deadlines for proposals and explained more details about the organization. He has a PBS Video, “Extreme by Design” and has formed a lending list for the committee. He will convene a working group on this topic after it has been viewed by those who are interested.

   Nancy met with Gerry Sonnenfeld, the new VP of Research, and gave him the information about URI being a member of NCIIA. He explained that any requests for funding by faculty and/or students must go through his office. Karen Markin, Research Development Director, has taken the information and will distribute it to the faculty.

3) **Policy on Student Travel to Countries with Travel Warnings** – Many of the members of the Steering Committee travel with students internationally and there was much discussion. The Office of International Education had just offered a workshop on safety and risk for faculty traveling abroad, and some of the members had gone, expressing that it was extremely helpful! The topic of travel to countries with State Department travel warnings was discussed, and it was acknowledged that URI does not currently have a formal written policy on this. The offices that need to be involved include OIE, Risk Management, Public Safety, Legal Counsel, and Provost/President. Dania and Sigrid suggested looking at NAFSA and ACE to see what draft documents might exist or what best practices exist. Dania is going to follow up on this topic and eventually a draft can be proposed, supported by the Global Steering Committee.

4) **International Education Week** – Dania gave a brief summary about the success of this week, sharing that the events were very well attended. In the future there may be a formal committee to work on the planning of the week.
5) **Fulbright Language Teaching Assistant Program** – Kathleen met with Norbert Hedderich, Chair of Languages, regarding the Fulbright Language Teaching Assistant program. He expressed interest in pursuing this and will look into the application.

**Fulbright Campus Representative** – Following up on the discussion from the last meeting, a description of the responsibilities of the Campus Representative was handed out and reviewed. Nancy had contacted the VP of Research to inquire whether they would want to house this person in their office. The recommendation from him was to have it in an “international office.” It was recommended that, given the current model at URI, this should be under Laura Beauvais, Vice Provost, or Nancy Stricklin. Nancy agreed to meet with Laura to get her input. Also, Nasser Zawia had been designated a Fulbright point of contact in the past, but this does not seem to be a formal role for him. Nancy will bring him into the discussion as well. The goal is to have a representative listed under URI on the Fulbright Scholar Program website. Currently there is no one listed.

**Follow Up:**

1) David Abedon is rotating the DVD among the committee and will set up a follow up meeting with those interested in this project.

2) Nancy will meet with Laura Beauvais and Nasser Zawia about the Fulbright Campus Representative.

3) Dania will review best practices regarding policy for student travel and will update the committee next semester.

4) Nancy will contact the Art Department and the International Center regarding art and photography to be hung in the Global Resource Center in Taft Hall. (follow-up from previous meeting.)

5) The subcommittee on Global Studies minor will continue to meet to propose a plan.