Global Steering Committee Minutes  
April 23, 2015  
1:30pm – 3pm  
Alumni Center Boardroom  

Members present:  David Abedon, Dania Brandford-Calvo, Shaw Chen, Haibo He, Norbert Hedderich, Kathleen Maher, Yang Shen, Nancy Stricklin  
Members Not Present: Jenny Audette (teaching spring semester), Laura Beauvais, Sigrid Berka, Tom Boving (on sabbatical), Alicia Curtin, Bo Gillie, Kristin Johnson (on sabbatical), Sarah Lopolito, Maureen Moakley, Kat Quina, Navindra Seeram, Nasser Zawia  

Update on Indonesia  
Nancy updated the group on the trip to Indonesia with President Dooley. It was very productive and strengthened already existing relationships with partner universities. In addition, an MOU with the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries was signed, and new collaborations between Pharmacy and Nursing and Universitas Airlangga and the Institute of Tropical Disease have been proposed.  

Update on Cuba  
An overview of the recent trip to Cuba by Maureen Moakley, Ric Mcintyre and Nancy Stricklin was provided to committee. A site visit for a proposed spring 2016 study abroad opportunity for URI students was the key mission of the trip. A Site Visit Report was prepared and now they are working closely with Dania Brandford-Calvo to develop an MOU and work out specific details. The proposal then will move forward for approval by the Provost’s office.  

Also, Nancy presented to a contact of Senator Whitehouse’s in Cuba on behalf of GSO. There is interest in future collaborations with GSO and a follow up trip to Cuba by Dean Bruce Corliss and others is being planned.  

Peace Corp Prep Program  
URI received notification in April that it has been selected to become formal partners with Peace Corp. A Memorandum of Cooperation is being provided to URI, which needs to be reviewed and approved by URI’s Legal Counsel. This is the next step in establishing the Peace Corps Prep Program at URI. Once the MOC is signed, the program can be announced and URI can begin to build the program. This will include publishing a PC Prep website, finalizing program guidelines, preparing student paperwork, etc. The target date to launch is spring 2016. Professor Mike Rice from Fisheries will coordinate this, and Dave Abedon from CELS will be a co-coordinator. Nancy Stricklin will work closely with them to facilitate the process. A Peace Corps prep specialist will be working with URI as well.
Comprehensive Internationalization Plan

Using the ACE Model of Comprehensive Internationalization as a guide, the Global Steering Committee is continuing its work on identifying goals, objectives, and strategies of a Comprehensive Internationalization Plan for URI.

The six pillars of ACE’s model are:

1. Articulated Institutional Commitment
2. Administrative Leadership, Structure and Staffing
3. Faculty Policies and Practices
4. Curriculum, Co-curriculum and Learning Outcomes
5. Student Mobility
6. Collaboration and Partnership

Our goal is to have a working document by the end of the semester that has identified goals, objectives and strategies for the above. This document will be used to facilitate the development of the new Academic Plan.

The committee is working on pillars 3, 4, 5 and 6. The committee worked on finishing Pillar 5, Student Mobility. The final drafts of Pillars 3, 4 and 5 will be sent to the committee members for input and edits.

At the next meeting, which is the last of this semester, the committee members will be working on Pillar 6, Collaboration and Partnership.