Global Steering Committee (GSC) Minutes
February 18, 2016
1:30pm – 3pm
Alumni Center Boardroom

Members present: David Abedon, Laura Beauvais, Sigrid Berka, Tom Boving, Shaw Chen, Bo Gillie, Bill Gordon, Norbert Hedderich, Haibo He, Diane Martins, Princess Metuge, Rosaria Pisa, Nancy Stricklin
Members Not Present: Jenny Audette (teaching spring semester), Dania Brandford-Calvo, Kristin Johnson (teaching spring semester), Sarah Lopolito, Kathleen Maher, Maureen Moakley, Navindra Seeram, Nasser Zawia

J-Term Activities
Members of the committee who were involved with international J-term programs highlighted the experiences. Updates were shared about:

Germany – Sigrid Berka
Portugal – Norbert Hedderich
Indonesia Global Health – Diane Martins
Indonesia Environmental – Tom Boving

Summer program in Italy – Rosaria Pisa

Academic Plan 2016-2021
Printed booklets with the new Academic Plan were handed out to the committee. Additional copies will be available at the next meeting. Pages 16-17 reflect the results of the Global Steering Committee’s work. Goal 3: Grow a Global Presence – Advance the internationalization of the University, develop students as engaged global citizens, and create meaningful international strategic partnerships. The strategies and actions under this goal were selected from the Committee’s Comprehensive Internationalization Plan. A link to the new Academic Plan is http://web.uri.edu/academic-planning/files/academic_plan_handbook.pdf.

Comprehensive Internationalization Plan
Building upon the most recent prioritizations from the four Subcommittees, the members spent time identifying four top action steps to move forward on immediately. Each action was representative of each subcommittee. See below for recap of each committee’s area of focus.

Subcommittee 2
Student Mobility – Outward flow of domestic students to other countries to engage in an education abroad experience
Members – Jenny Audette, Kathleen Maher, Princess Metuge, Diane Martins, Dania Brandford-Calvo
**Subcommittee 3**
Student Mobility – Inward flow of international students to study at URI – recruitment, programs, support structures and activities
Members - Nasser Zawia, Haibo He, Sarah Lopolito, Bo Gillie, Shaw Chen

**Subcommittee 4**
Internationalizing Curriculum, Co-Curriculum and Learning Outcomes
Members – Kristin Johnson, Dave Abedon, Norbert Hedderich, Sigrid Berka, Bill Gordon

**Subcommittee 6**
Collaborations and Partnerships
Members – Maureen Moakley, Navindra Seeram, Rosaria Pisa, Nancy Stricklin

The following elements for each initiative selected were:

- **End Result**
- **Who is involved**
- **Key Activities**
- **Resources Needed**
- **Timeline**

**Action 1**
**End Result** – Development of a formal Risk Management Policy
**Who** – Dania Brandford-Calvo and Laura Beauvais have already begun to meet with key staff and administrators regarding this. The GSC supports this effort and will act as advisory for future discussions if/when needed.
**Key Activities**
- Meet with key stakeholders.
- Benchmark other institutions.
- Develop and draft a policy.
**Resources Needed** – To be determined
**Timeline** – To be developed by fall 2016

**Action 2**
**End Result** – Creation of Global Studies Minor
**Who** – Ric McIntyre and faculty from Economics, Nancy Stricklin, Bill Gordon, Tom Boving, David Abedon
**Key Activities**
- Follow up on model already developed by a GSC subcommittee two years ago.
- Develop formal proposal.
- Present to Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee.
- Get approval by Curriculum Affairs Committee.
**Resources Needed** – To be determined
**Timeline** – To be available fall 2017
**Action 3**

**End Result** – Create a new position of *International Student Support Coordinator*

**Who** – Laura Beauvais, Dania Brandford-Calvo, Diane Martins, Princess Metuge, Bo Gillie, Nancy Stricklin

**Key Activities**
- Develop Job Description (look at other universities).
- Specify qualifications.
- Confirm reporting structure— suggestion was Office of International Education.
- Request funding for position.

**Resources Needed** - Cost for salary and benefits for this position

**Timeline** – As soon as possible, fall 2016?

**Action 4**

**End Result** – Increase quality and strategic value of international partnerships

**Who** – Core International Partnership Review Team (Laura Beauvais, Dania Brandford-Calvo, Nancy Stricklin), other faculty/staff when necessary

**Key Activities**
- Meet regularly to review partnership activity in process.
- Hold country specific meetings with other members of community as needed.

**Resources Needed** – Committed faculty members to assist with efforts

**Timeline** – Informally in process at this time – to be formalized.

**Peace Corps Prep Program**

A story on URI Today on the URI homepage was published the day of the meeting about the PC Prep Program. [http://news.uri.edu/releases/?id=7815](http://news.uri.edu/releases/?id=7815). Dave Lavallee, Assistant Director of URI Communications, provided great assistance to publicize this new program. The program was advertised on URI’s social media, in the Providence Journal and on the webpages of local television stations. Information cards were distributed to the committee members and more will be printed to hand out to students at booths in the Memorial Union, Information Sessions for incoming students, and Welcome Days. Students can now apply to the program by going to the website. [http://web.uri.edu/peacecorpsprep/](http://web.uri.edu/peacecorpsprep/)

**Fulbright Advisory Team**

On April 1 URI is hosting a Fulbright Officer to run a workshop and to conduct individual interviews for interested faculty. Publicity for this will be organized by the Fulbright Advisory Team. Kathleen Maher and Nancy Stricklin will work on the coordination of this. The goal is to get more faculty to learn about the many types of Fulbright opportunities available to them.

**Cambridge Education Group Pathway Program**

Nancy gave an update on the progress of URI’s proposed partnerships with CEG. The contract has been reviewed by URI and is currently in the legal office of Cambridge Education Group.
The goal is to have this signed within the next few weeks and to begin the program on the URI campus in September 2016.

**Ghana**

The Coastal Resource Center at the Graduate School of Oceanography has a $25 million dollar USAID funded project that is ongoing. President Dooley is visiting there in April to sign an MOU with University of Cape Coast (UCC), which is working closely with URI on this project. A delegation from UCC visited URI last month to discuss opportunities for collaboration, including a future J-term course there, graduate students coming to URI and short-term research opportunities for students and faculty.