Global Steering Committee Minutes  
October 31, 2013  
1:30 – 2:30 PM Alumni Board Room

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

Update on the following topics:

1) MOU with Indonesian Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries was signed on October 25, 2013 by Dr. Gellwynn Jusuf, Director General AND a URI alum. He received the Distinguished Achievement Award that evening.

2) Draft contract for working with agents to assist with international recruitment has been approved. Nancy is going to a conference in early December, at which she will meet with prospective agents to begin process of selection.

3) Publications office is designing a new International Brochure to be used by the President (and others) during travel. It will combine both undergraduate and graduate admission information.

4) At a meeting with the President, the new URI Global website was introduced. He gave positive feedback and has requested that it be on the URI Homepage directly. This is in the process of being finalized. Nancy explained that they are requesting the list of links that would be included under the Global heading. Dania shared that she had just been to an ACE meeting in DC and the discussion focused on blending global and diversity initiatives on campuses. The suggestion was given to include information about our diversity/equity areas under the global heading. Also suggested was to have someone from the Diversity Council sit on the Global Steering Committee, and vice versa.

5) The Islamic University of Indonesia is sending a delegation to visit URI. It will include the President, Vice President and Director of Collaboration. The visit is on December 11th. A reception is being planned.

6) Taft Hall room 105 is now the new Global Resource Center. It has a conference table that fits 10 and is available for use if the committee members are interested. Nancy will contact the Art Department about possible student art work for the room. Dania’s office also has photos from students that could be considered.
International Education Week – Dania Brandford-Calvo gave the committee the details of the events that are scheduled for November 11-15. There is a website at www.uri.edu/international/IEW that has all of the information about these events.

Fulbright and Scholarship Information – Kathleen Maher, our new member who is the Assistant Director for National Fellowships and Academic Opportunities in the Honors Program, gave a comprehensive overview of the types of scholarships and funding opportunities that URI students can apply for, most of which support international study or research. It was pointed out that there is no point person listed under URI on the website for the Fulbright Scholar Program to which faculty apply. URI needs to identify a representative on campus for the Fulbright Scholar Program. Discussion took place about how URI should have a Fulbright office or at least a person on campus who would keep up-to-date on changes and developments. Faculty at URI have no one to go to when trying to get information about applying for a Fulbright. Kathleen Maher is the campus representative for the Fulbright US Student Program and works with students who are outgoing on Fulbright, but there is no one working with URI faculty who apply, nor is there any special contact person for incoming students and scholars on the program. It was suggested to have a gathering of Fulbright faculty/students on campus to celebrate their achievements and to get the Fulbright brand into the vernacular at URI.

Fulbright Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) is a program that sends teachers from abroad to US institutions to teach their native language and take two classes. Kathleen explained that URI could apply to be a host institution for this program. It was suggested that we meet with Norbert Hedderich from the Language Dept. to discuss this further.

Peace Corps Master's International (MI) offers the unique opportunity to integrate a master’s degree with overseas service in a variety of fields at more than 80 academic institutions nationwide. Kathleen presented information about this program, suggesting URI look into becoming a participating school.

Global Studies Minor – Discussion postponed to subcommittee meeting.

Follow Up:

1) Nancy will coordinate a working group to review and update the Global Website.

2) The Global Minor subcommittee will meet to discuss the next steps.

3) Kathleen will gather information about Fulbright models at other institutions. Upon review by the committee, we will propose a plan and make a recommendation to the Provost. Nancy and Kathleen will set up a meeting with Norbert Hedderich, Chair of Languages, to discuss the Fulbright Language Teaching Assistant program.

4) David Abedon and Nancy will meet to discuss the NCIIA. David will update at the next meeting.
5) 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.