Global Steering Committee Minutes  
October 23, 2014  
1:30pm – 3pm  
Alumni Center Boardroom 

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

1)  Dania handed out the schedule for the International Education Week, which is taking place from Monday, November 17 – Friday, November 21. In its 4th year at URI, the week-long celebration involves a variety of globally-themed activities and is dedicated to enhancing international awareness across campus, as well as supporting global learning opportunities at URI, regionally and abroad. See schedule on this link:  http://www.uri.edu/international/IEW/  

2)  Laura Beauvais presented to the committee about the Distinguished Visiting International Scholars program, which is funded by the Provost’s office. Up until this year, a small group from the Honor’s Program reviewed proposals from faculty. Laura is suggesting that the Global Steering Committee take this over, since the committee represents a broader reflection of the campus community, with faculty and staff from many different colleges and programs. A sub-committee will be formed, led by Laura, to not only review proposals, but also to evaluate the program and consider changes or improvements. A suggestion was made to create a manual or guidelines that faculty could follow as they prepare to host a visiting scholar. Nancy will contact the committee members to see who is interested in being part of the sub-committee. Also, Nancy will contact some faculty who have previously hosted Distinguished Visiting International Scholars to gather information on what went well, what didn’t go well and what changes they would suggest.  

3)  Nancy presented about Pathways Programs and how many US universities are turning to outside companies for help in recruiting international students. One company, Cambridge Education Group, has been in discussion with URI about establishing a program on campus. The Provost has asked that the Global Steering Committee weigh in on the proposal. Three representatives of this group are coming to the next Global Steering Committee meeting to present about their programs.  

4)  As a follow up to the last meeting’s discussions about a strategic internationalization agenda, the members divided up into groups to review goal statements and strategies of the three prioritized topic areas that had been determined. Also, each group developed action steps for the goals. Nancy will create a draft summary and will send to the committee members for review and input.