Global Steering Committee Minutes  
September 26, 2013  
1:30 – 2:30 PM Alumni Board Room  

Members Present:  David Abedon, Jenny Audette, Sigrid Berka, Tom Boving, Shaw Chen, Alicia Curtin, Haibo He, Kristin Johnson, Maureen Moakley, Kathleen Maher, Navindra Seeram, Yang Shen, Nancy Stricklin  

Members Not Present:  Dania Brandford-Calvo, Bo Gillie, Ric McIntyre, Kat Quina, Manbir Sodhi, Nasser Zawia  

Visiting Attendee:  Tammy Vargas Warner attended from CCE for Kat Quina  

1) Committee welcomed new member Kathleen Maher, Assistant Director for National Scholarships & Academic Opportunities, Honors Program  

2) Update:  Information about the following topics was discussed and reviewed.  

   a.  **ACE**  
   Partnership with ACE English Language Institute  
   47 students fall 2013 (15 fall 2012)  

   b.  **RIA**  
   Partnership with Roosevelt International Academy  
   10 students for fall 2013  

   c.  **Enrollment**  
   Increasing number of international students (does not include non-degree)  
   Undergrad Fall 2013 – 137 matric plus 16 ACE = 153  
   Undergrad Fall 2012 - 111 matric plus 15 ACE = 126  
   (Nancy will present updated numbers at the next meeting, these are early semester numbers.)  

   d.  **Orientation**  
   Orientation for new international students – Welcome Week– large numbers, great turnout, very successful for incoming students.  

   e.  **Housing**  
   Guaranteed housing for international students, including over breaks  
   105 undergraduate international students living in residence halls, 52 in Hillside  
   Hillside – Global Living Learning Community  
   Global Ambassador living with students  

   f.  **International Partnerships**  
   Steps to develop international partnerships for faculty updated on OIE website  
   List of all partnerships updated on OIE website -71  
   Expanding to new countries  
   Indonesian initiative update – URI is presently pursuing agreements with universities in Indonesia and with the Indonesian Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries. The Indonesian government has funding to send faculty and staff to the US for Master’s and Ph.D degrees.
g. **Study Abroad/J-Term**
   International options increasing - 8 for J-term, 17 for Summer, 1 over spring break
   Tom Boving is introducing a new program to Indonesia and handed out a flyer to advertise.

h. **International Education Week**
   On campus held annually (November 12-15, 2013) The film, *Girl Rising*, will be shown.
   Kathleen Ramcharran (Ramcharran@mail.uri.edu) from the International Center presented
to the committee about International Week and the types of events scheduled already. She
shared that the members could consider planning an event. A few members will contact her
with their plans, including Kathleen Maher who will schedule a presentation about
International Fellowships. All members are encouraged to become involved if they have an
interest to present.

i. **International Hall in the Memorial Union** – reminder to all to stop in and see this hall in the
   Atrium section of the Union.

j. **Global Studies Minor** – Ric McIntyre drafted the initial proposal for this minor. Nancy will
   convene a working group to continue this initiative within the next few weeks.

k. **NCIIA** National Collegiate Inventors & Innovators Alliance – Nancy reported that the College
   of Engineering has funded this membership. Many opportunities for funding are available
   for students and faculty. David Abedon will work with Nancy to plan how to communicate
   this to the campus community.

l. **Initiative to Educate Afghan Women** (IEAW) – Nancy reported that while URI is not able to
   host a student from Afghanistan with a scholarship, URI is working with this organization in
   other ways. One way is through collaboration with the Harrington School of
   Communication. IEAW will be the topic of a spring course, called the “Un-Classroom” in the
   Harrington School, which will have students work on communication strategies, website
development and publicity for the organization. The Executive Director of the organization
   will work closely with two faculty members and the students.

**Follow Up:**

1) An email will be sent out to convene a working group to follow up with the Global minor
   proposal. Nancy will organize the meeting.

2) David Abedon and Nancy will meet to plan a strategy to share the information about the
   NCIIA grants and funding to the campus community.

3) Kathleen Maher will present to the committee at our next meeting about opportunities and
   current issues regarding Fulbright.

4) Members received an overview of six areas of internationalization that will be discussed at
   the next meeting. All members will receive this by email prior to the meeting.