Global Steering Committee (GSC) Minutes
April 7, 2016
1:30pm – 3pm

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

English as a Second Language (ESL) at URI
It was announced that ACE English Language Institute at URI will not be renewing their contract. After five years of delivering the ESL curriculum, they have decided to close the URI site. Therefore, the last day of operation on the Kingston campus is June 24. For the fall 2016 and spring 2017 semesters, URI’s other partner, RIA English Language Institute, located in Providence, will deliver the ESL classes. URI still allows students to apply for conditional admission and they will take classes at the RIA facility in Providence. Plans to have an on-campus program in the future are being discussed. A study will be conducted, also, to consider whether URI should develop an in-house ESL program that is solely governed by URI instead of a third-party provider.

International Student Support Coordinator (working title)
As one of the prioritized actions from the Comprehensive Internationalization Plan, there has been a request for this position in the Office of International Education. The committee reviewed sample job descriptions and highlighted the key elements desired for a URI position. See below for recommendations for the job description:

• Serves as point of contact for all international students, serve as support for all international students.
• Conducts proactive outreach to students of concern.
• Serves as primary intake person meeting with students about their non-immigration concerns.
• Works with academic departments and Deans’ staff to assist students and advocate for them.
• Leads workshops on culture shock and cultural adjustment.
• Works with community and campus partners and student organizations to coordinate programs.
• Maintains relationships with campus staff, faculty, department heads, and Dean’s officers in order to assist students.
• Maintains social media/social networking updates.
• Designs and implements orientation and departure programs.
• Assists in yield of accepted students through various forms of communication to students and family about services available on campus.
• Provides individual counseling to international students, using a cross-cultural perspective, on matters related to pre-arrival, arrival and adjustment to the US. Supports students experiencing a family, personal or economic crisis, which may impact academic performance. Helps students to access appropriate community resources.
• Assists in making referrals to appropriate campus services.
• Oversees peer ambassador program – recruit, train and counsel students as needed.
• Maintains resources lists for students including doctors, lawyers, housing options, etc.

Comprehensive Internationalization Plan
The committee looked at the Academic Plan Goal 3 and briefly discussed the parts that are already in progress. A draft of a Planning Template from the Provost’s office that the Global Steering Committee will complete at the end of the next academic year was reviewed. Laura Beauvais, Norbert and Nancy will meet a few times this summer to continue to move forward with a few of the actions. The committee will be informed of progress and a June meeting for those available may be planned.

Global Studies Minor
A follow up meeting with interested members of the Global Steering Committee took place, plus Bret Anderson from Economics and Jessica Frazier from CELS. There is strong interest in pursuing this minor. Laura Beauvais is providing guidance and a committee of faculty will be formed. The goal is to implement this in fall 2017.

Peace Corp Prep Program
Thirteen students are signed up for the program and an initial welcome meeting took place. Beginning in fall 2016, there will be monthly seminars and former Peace Corps Volunteers will be asked to join and speak about their service. The URI Homepage hosted an article about the program. http://ww2.uri.edu/big-stories/expand-your-worldview
**Fulbright**
On April 1 a Fulbright officer came to campus to conduct individual interviews with faculty and hold a workshop. Eleven faculty members met for individual appointments and 28 faculty attended the workshop. Feedback from participants was positive. The plan for fall 2016 is to hold a panel discussion of URI former Fulbright recipients. A Fulbright page on the URI website will be designed.

**Cambridge Education Group (CEG)**
Progress continues with the pathway program partnership with Cambridge Education Group. A contract was signed and senior CEG leadership is visiting URI in late May to meet with key campus stakeholders regarding launching the program in January 2017.