Global Steering Committee (GSC) Minutes
November 16, 2016
1:30pm – 3pm

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

Flynn Scholarship for Study Abroad
Laura Beauvais coordinates a sub-committee of Global Steering Committee members to disperse this new scholarship for undergraduate students studying abroad in a language-intensive experience. The scholarship was created by a gift from URI alum, Bill Flynn. The first awards are being given to students for study beginning in January 2017. A requirement for eligibility is financial need. Seven students were awarded funds for their study. These funds were available for immediate use, so the committee worked very quickly to identify students. A process will be developed for the next round of awards, which will include building in time for students to apply for the funds and plan ahead for study abroad.

Global Website
A Global Steering sub-committee is focusing on the enhancement of the Global website, which is located on the URI homepage. They met with John Pennypacker, Manager of Web Communications for the URI Communications and Marketing office. He is responsible for the 125th anniversary website, which will launch January 25th. Global Reach is one aspect of the 125th URI anniversary. Plans for an interactive world map with faculty research and URI global engagement activities are in process. Fifty faculty members have sent in forms. This will be an on-going outreach project. If more information about global activities at URI is needed for the 125th site, Nancy offered to have John attend a Global Steering Committee meeting to get input from the members. As well, John has recommended that the Global website be reformatted into a new template. This will be a summer 2017 project. In the meantime, it is recommended that a few of the landing pages be updated. The sub-committee will follow up on this.

Fulbright Panel
An announcement of the upcoming panel was made. The panel took place on November 18th. Laura and Nancy are part of a Fulbright Advisory Team, which works to promote awareness and encourage faculty to apply for awards. During International Education Week in November, a panel was scheduled of 4 faculty members who had received Fulbright Scholar Awards. Mike Rice, David Fastovsky, Phil Clark and Tim George presented. The audience was small, but the content was excellent. It is suggested that we hold this panel again, when the attendance would be larger.
**Carnegie Foundation Grants**
The call for proposals went out in November and the faculty will be notified by December 16th. The awards are to support global faculty travel, with the specific purpose of initiating, enhancing or expanding international partnerships, and strengthening relationships with international research and academic partners. Preference was given to relationships in Asia, Africa and South America. A maximum of $10,000 could be requested for each proposal. A total of $50,000 was available.

**Academic Plan Progress**
A brief discussion took place regarding the Academic Plan, Goal 3. Prior to the meeting, Nancy had requested any updates from the members. Dania sent updates from the Office of International Education. These will be incorporated for spring review. Over the winter break, the plan will be updated with further input from the committee and a request will go out to all members to submit topics of interest to pursue for spring semester.

Brief discussion took place regarding the Academic Health Collaborative *Institute for Integrated Health and Innovation*. Jenny Audette is working to coordinate a group of faculty interested in global initiatives for the Institute. They will begin by doing an inventory on what people are already involved in and what they are interested in pursuing. She will keep the Global Steering Committee updated.

Discussion took place regarding the global initiatives of the College of Education and Professional Studies (CEPS). Since it is newly formed, there is not an active global agenda. Their leadership committee is setting goals for the college for the academic year. It was emphasized that the Global Steering Committee needs to be sure to include CEPS in programming and planning. Kathleen Maher and Princess Metuge are coordinating for a workshop at CEPS for students who might qualify for the Gilman Scholarship.

**Cambridge Education Group – ONCAMPUS RI**
The new Director of ONCAMPUS RI, Linda Foley-Vinay, was welcomed as a new member of our Global Steering Committee. She presented to the committee on the status of the Pathway Program. The office is now open (Taft Hall room 101 and 102). Two staff members are hired and will begin at the end of December. The first cohort of international students will arrive in January. They will come to URI a week before classes begin for an orientation. They will live in URI housing, eat in the dining halls, be covered by URI health insurance and take part in activities. They will be taking 12-15 credits of academic work, all URI courses taught by URI faculty. The sections will be limited to ONCAMPUS RI students. Projected number for spring intake is 15. As a new member of the Global Steering Committee, Linda will provide us with a monthly update of the program.