Global Steering Committee (GSC) Minutes
September 20, 2016
1:30pm – 3pm

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

Review of Academic Plan
Progress of Goal 3, Growing a Global Presence, was the topic of discussion by the Committee. A handout (attached to these minutes) with updates highlighted in red was reviewed. This plan will serve as a roadmap for the Global Steering Committee during this academic year. Members were asked to provide any additional updates. In addition to what is already identified on the handout, members gave the following input:

- Within the Academic Health Collaborative, The Institute of Integrated Health includes a focus on a global agenda.
- Faculty need preparation to lead international programs. This includes training in Risk Management. A Provost Office committee is already working on this to develop policy. Dania Brandford-Calvo will keep the Global Steering Committee informed. A waiver form is being reviewed by URI’s legal office.
- URI’s Global Website is now being aided by the new Manager of Web Communications, John Pennypacker. A comprehensive world map project has been proposed. The Global Steering Committee will provide assistance. Also, he wants stories of students that can enhance the content on the web. If anyone has a story with a global theme that they think might be interesting for the web, contact John.
- A comprehensive list of URI courses with a global theme has not yet been added to the Global Website. Dania has offered to have her staff assist in developing a draft and it will be shared with the Committee.
- Carnegie Foundation Grants were given out in spring 2016. Tom Boving received one to do a technical writing workshop in Indonesia. Diane Martins received one to explore professional development opportunities in Cuba for graduates in the health field. A second wave of grants will be announced during the fall semester.
- A new scholarship fund for Language study has been established in the Provost’s Office by an alumnus, William J. Flynn. Its purpose is to support students engaged in an intensive language experience. It is being coordinated by Laura Beauvais. A subcommittee of the Global Steering Committee will assist in developing the process of application and awarding of funds.
- Graduate Village challenges and expanded options for graduate housing were brought up as concerns that need further discussion. The VP of Student Affairs oversees all
residential life; therefore, this will be brought up when she addresses the Committee at the next meeting.

Working Groups on Action Steps
The following groups were established to further activities on Action Steps. All members are encouraged to take part. Let Nancy know if you are interested in working with any of the following groups:

- Flynn Scholarship Working Group (Laura B., Sigrid B., Princess M., Norbert H., Kathleen M., OIE representative)
- Global Website Working Group (Nancy S., Jenny A.)
- Global Themed Course List Working Group (Dania B., David A., Shaw C.)
- Graduate Housing Working Group (Nasser Z., Dania B., Diane M., Nancy S.)

International Education Week
Sarah Lopolito is coordinating the November 2016 International Education Week, which is funded by the Office of International Education. She presented to the Committee about the opportunities still available to offer an event. See links below:

**Call for Submissions**
[Grant Application online.](#)
Deadline is October 14 to submit a request. IEW week is November 14-18th.

Dr. Kathy Collins, Vice President of Student Affairs
Her presentation had to be postponed at the last minute. She is rescheduled to address the Global Steering Committee at the next meeting on October 13th.