Global Steering Committee Minutes
April 25, 2013
2:00-3:00 Alumni Board Room

Members Present:  David Abedon, Sigrid Berka, Tom Boving, Dania Brandford-Calvo, Alicia Curtin, Haibo He, , Ric McIntyre, Maureen Moakley, Yang Shen, Nancy Stricklin
Members Not Present:  Jenny Audette, Shaw Chen, Bo Gillie, Kristin Johnson, Kat Quina, Navindra Seeram, Manbir Sodhi, Nasser Zawia

1) Global URI Website – It is going to be launched at the end of April (already done).  Here is the link:  http://web.uri.edu/globaluri/

An email was sent out on 4/28/13 to Deans, Directors, Provost and President’s teams, staff, etc. to introduce Phase 1 of the website, which is an on-going project.  There will be more formal press about this site in the fall, with an article about globalization on the URI homepage and a description of the new site within that article.  Nancy has received feedback with updates for the site.  At this time, she will be trained in WordPress and will maintain the site.

2) Definition of “Global” – After compiling input from committee members, Nancy provided a document for discussion.  Specific comments were made to change some wording and add some wording to be more inclusive of all majors.  A final document will be created and sent to the committee by mid-May.  After that, it will be added to the Global Steering Committee page of the Provost’s website.  It will serve as a guideline when discussing future initiatives.  It will also be included in communication to Deans and/or Chairs in the request to get lists of courses with a “global” theme.

3) Global Studies Minor – Discussion took place based upon the proposal of the minor.  The Committee was in agreement that students in a Global Studies minor should have some type of international experience.  Most of the discussion focused on whether a foreign language should be required.  The general consensus was that, since this is a minor and not a major, it can be recommended but not required.  A suggestion was made to have a “language track” in the minor.  Also, add a focus area for science, technology and engineering.  A subcommittee will meet in June to review and add the changes and create a final proposal.

1) Initiative to Educate Afghan Women – IEAW is an organization that supports young women from Afghanistan to attend college in the US.  They are located in Providence and have requested that URI host one of their students.  URI would have to provide tuition, room and board.  Nancy provided handouts and showed a short video.  She will make a recommendation to the Provost for URI to become a host institution for an IEAW student.  The organization would like to know by the end of May whether URI is a potential placement for one of their students.
Follow Up:

2) Now that the website is public, updates will continue to be made. Nancy will learn WordPRess and maintain the site. The Office of International Education will update the list of institutional partnerships.

3) A specific email will be sent to Deans with a request for faculty to fill out the Global Questionnaire.

4) The Global definition document will be finalized and sent to the committee.

5) Nancy will send an email with a link to an existing list of courses with a *global* theme, along with the definition of *global*, to Chairs of all departments, requesting them to review and edit the list. This information will eventually be added to the website.

6) The Global Minor subcommittee will meet in June to review the changes to the proposal and finalize it.

7) Nancy will meet with the Provost regarding the Initiative to Education Afghan Women.