Global Steering Committee (GSC) Minutes
March 8, 2018
1:30pm – 3pm

Members present:  David Abedon, Jenny Audette, Laura Beauvais, Sigrid Berka, Bo Gillie, Norbert Hedderich, Tom Hospod, Kristin Johnson, Kathleen Maher, Diane Martins, Cara Mitnick, Karen Sherman, Nancy Stricklin, Elin Torell

Members Not Present:  Tom Boving, Shaw Chen, Linda Foley-Vinay, Bill Gordon, Haibo He, Princess Metuge, Rosaria Pisa, Navindra Seeram, Nasser Zawia

Global Website – Review of Progress
John Pennypacker, Sarah Couch and Laurel McLaughlin from the URI Communications & Marketing office attended the meeting. John presented the draft of Global URI, a new “umbrella” website that will house URI’s global offices/activities/etc. (Attached to these minutes is a scan of the handout.)

The committee members gave feedback regarding the draft. The proposed website will be organized by headings. Most of the meeting time was taken up with the discussion of the details of the site. The input from the committee included, but was not limited to:

1) Feedback on what the specific headings should be. Are they broad enough?
2) What should be under specific headings (e.g., take Partnerships out of Study Abroad and put under Engage World. Add Coastal Resources Center to Engage World.)
3) Clarification of minors (e.g., Japanese has a minor)
4) Include Short-Term Program heading under Study Abroad, not just J-term.
5) Add links to dual-degree programs under Languages heading.
6) Change wording of “Faculty Volunteering” to “Global Faculty”

It was acknowledged that this site would link into existing current pages of global offices/programs at URI and that, while there might be some omissions at this time, we can continue to add to the new site when needed.

Following this meeting, the team from the Communications office will incorporate the feedback and send the committee an updated version of the proposed site outline before the next meeting. If they have enough completed, at the next GSC meeting they will display a few pages of the new site.

Vice Provost Search
Laura Beauvais, chair of the search committee, shared that phone/video interviews were taking place on March 15 and 16. The committee will then determine finalists to bring to campus for interviews. The GSC will be part of the campus interview schedule.
**International Center Renovations**
At this time, there was not a specific update on these renovations. There has been $50,000 targeted for use for the International Center. It is still being determined how and when this will be distributed.

**International Student Support Coordinator position**
The committee members reviewed the draft of the key elements of the job description and provided feedback on some minor details. It was emphasized that this list is not the final job description that would be advertised if the position were to be funded. This description will be attached to the formal letter given to the Provost in early April. The letter will confirm that the Global Steering Committee unanimously endorses the development of this full-time permanent position in the International Center.