

Minutes of the International Studies Advisory Group

10:00 Meeting, April 8, 2009,
Academic Affairs Conference Room, Swarts Hall,
University of Pittsburgh at Bradford

Attendance: Isabelle Champlin, Tony Gaskew, Dean Steve Hardin, Kong Ho, Biodun Ogundayo, Gary Tessmer, and Flora Wei. Regrets from Michael Stuckart and Don Ulin.

- 1) There were no corrections or additions to the **minutes** of the last meeting, of Oct. 7, 2008, which are posted at.
- 2) The **Best Practices Workshop**, held via ITV on Feb. 4, was discussed, especially the new 'no alcohol' policy for faculty accompanying students abroad.
- 3) There are two experimental **Rosetta Stone language courses** on campus: one in Spanish and one in Japanese.
- 4) No new changes to the gorgeous **new website** were proposed. We still need more pictures, of people and of new events.
- 5) The new **Emergency Contact Procedures** were explained. It was suggested that 24-hour numbers be incorporated.
- 6) The **next Cultural Festival** will be Saturday, Feb. 27, 2010. Anyone can help on the planning committee, which is composed of students, faculty, staff and alumnae. See Holly Spittler or Isabelle Champlin.
- 7) Developing our own UCIS-style **Certificate programs** was encouraged. Several brochures from the International Studies department at the Johnstown campus were distributed as examples of what might be accomplished. An International Studies Certificate must have a Study Abroad component and a foreign language component. Biodun Ogundayo is working on an African Studies program.
- 8) **International Nonviolence Day** (Gandhi's Birthday) will be Fri., Oct. 2, 2009, which is also Alumnae Weekend. It is proving difficult finding a room for the book chakra spinning demonstration, the poster contest and the ahimsa lecture.
- 9) A new source of funding: **Hesselbein Global Academy Fellowships**
<http://www.hesselbein.pitt.edu>
- 10) Want to **go to Japan**? Apply to Dean Hardin to be a faculty leader to YCC for the 2-week May trip.
- 11) Open Forum:

*Biodun Ogundayo requested more meetings, like **brown bag lunches**, to interact with other faculty and discuss International and academic issues.

*He also requested an **email list** of the regular members of this Advisory Group. Isabelle Champlin said one will be provided. (See the bottom of these minutes.)

*Tony Gaskew suggested that there be an **International Studies Room**, with appropriate information and décor, a meeting place that students could frequent. Perhaps a donor could provide a new wing for a building.

*Dean Hardin suggested that a **reception for foreign students** could help welcome them to UPB, and help encourage faculty to use them as a resource.

Minutes recorded by Isabelle Champlin

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