

Minutes of the International Studies Advisory Group

Noon Meeting, April 23, 2010
Room 211 Lounge, Swarts Hall,
University of Pittsburgh at Bradford

Informal "Brown Bag Luncheon"

Attendance: Morio Arimoto, Gillian Boyce, Isabelle Champlin, Katie Zapel.

Announcements and Discussion Topics

- * Neither the minutes, nor anything else, can be posted on the International Studies website. We must wait for Kong Ho to return from his Fulbright.
- * Presidents of international student clubs (Anthropology/Chispa, la Raza, Anime, Asian Students Alliance, African American Student Union) were invited to attend this meeting, as well as all faculty and staff.
- * There will be 5 students going to Japan this May on Ito fund travel awards.
- * There will be 5 students coming from Heilbronn University in Germany for fall term 2010-2011, thanks to the efforts of Rick Nelson.
- * There are faculty exchanges planned from UPB to YCC (Yokohama College of Commerce): Gautam Mukegee will go in 2012, and Lisa Fiorentino is planning on going in 2013. YCC is planning on having classes taught in English starting in 2012.
- * There will be a new requirement for "Global Competence" for our students. This is common on many colleges, and is dictated by main campus. EPC will probably determine how we will assess this.
- *Katie Zapel, president of Anthropology Club, explained that fundraising for the Cherry Blossom Festival spring trip to Washington, DC will begin next fall.
- * The proposed Asian Studies Certificate finally made it through EPC. It was changed, to eliminate any required foreign language requirement. (It was proposed, but not accepted, that students could learn the rudiments of an Asian language through Rosetta Stone, and via ITV instruction.) The certificate must next be presented to PACUP on the main campus.
- * Katie Zapel said there could be opportunities to use Skype technology for language learning.
- * There is a continuing need for an ESL "course" for our foreign students. There is interest in ESL training from our education majors, but no available instruction.

Notes made by Isabelle Champlin, Director of International Studies

