

Minutes of the International Studies Advisory Group

Noon Meeting, November 11, 2009

Academic Affairs Conference Room, Swarts Hall,
University of Pittsburgh at Bradford

Informal "Brown Bag Luncheon"

Attendance: Gillian Boyce, Isabelle Champlin, Claudine Cooper, Julie Dykstra, Lisa Fiorentino, Steve Hardin, Sooh-Rhee Ryn, Youmasu Siewe, Michael Stuckart, Don Ulin.

Announcements

- * The notes of the last meeting were reviewed.
- * PaCIE (Penna. Council of International Education) is seeking members to help on committees. They also announced the next meeting is Oct. 1 and 2, 2010 in Scranton, and session proposals are being sought. The last PaCIE newsletter can be downloaded here: <http://www.pacie.org/>
- * There is a Spanish-speaking table in the cafeteria every Tuesday from 12:00 to 1:00. Anyone of any ability level is welcome.
- * The continuing need for an ESL "course" for our foreign students.
- * The possibility of a trip to the Japanese Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, DC the weekend of April 3 and 4, 2010, for the Marathon Anime Festival at the Freer Gallery on Saturday Apr 3, and Lantern Lightning Ceremony at 2:30 on Sunday, April 4.
- * There will be a panel discussion about H1N1, sponsored by the Center for Rural Studies, in the Mukaiyama Room in the Commons.
- * There are an increasing number of inquiries from Macao for students to enroll in our Hospitality program and do Internship studies at the Allegany Seneca Casino.

Topics of discussion were:

- * The idea of a "Voyage of the Beagle" Dinner for Darwin Day with menu items from around the world. This would take the place of a paid speaker.
- * The need for an International Students club, for students from other countries. (There is already a Chispa International Club for students interested in the International Studies major and in Study Abroad, and in global affairs.) Champlin said that Andrew Hwang would be contacted about the possibility of establishing such a student club.
- * It was also suggested that students be invited to join this advisory group.

Notes made by Isabelle Champlin, Director of International Studies