

USG System Council on International Education
September 30, 2016
Middle Georgia State College, Professional Services Building (Room 212)

- 1. Welcome and introductions**
 - a. Registration list was available for people to correct / update email addresses
- 2. Executive Committee:**
 - a. Chair, Robin Catmur, UGA
 - b. Vice-chair, Salli Vargis, Georgia State University-Perimeter College
 - c. CISS Chair –Brett Reichert
 - d. EA Chair –Liz Havey
- 3. Council Chairs:**
 - a. Funke Fontenot (Mary Mears) – Africa Council
 - b. Jose de Arimateia da Cruz – Americas Council
 - c. David Starling– Asia Council
 - d. Jeff Brown–

the reporting of USG Study Abroad numbers. In 2015 there was a 76% increase from the previous year and 90% in 2016 of schools reporting to Open Doors.

- f. English Proficiency - ESL programs to be approved by Dr. Davis, which hasn't been done since 2000.. They will be reviewing all ESL programs and all test scores will be reported through Banner starting summer 2017. Pre-existing programs will be subject to an abbreviated process, and new ones will be covered in more detail. . Will request all details of scores, tests, and result requirements. A letter will be sent from system office after review and letters should go out by the end of the year or early 2017
 - g. Website is updated - it now includes an increased number of English language tests allowed, and related minimum scores.
8. **Housekeeping**
- a. Robin requested that we update contacts.
9. **ESL Programs**
- a. . There is a new list of English proficiency scores and other relevant data to be plugged in to Banner. Collection of these scores in Banner will help to ascertain what test are actually being used, average scores, and assessment process. David Starling talked about Junior colleges, schools, TOEFL waiver, and how each school should verify ESL program requirements. Data to be gathered from International USG Committee and stakeholders, reviewed, and make additional suggestions and recommendations every 3 years. Letters will be sent to all institutions and this will be effective next fall.
 - b. Robin talked about the Great Scholars Program – scholar database system and assessment of English. A demo could be set up and some schools showed interest in this process. Discussions on this program and creation of a database ensued.
10. **2017 Strategic Plan**
- a. Houston Davis has included USG International Office in the FY 2017 Strategic plan update. The number one objective is to strengthen Study Abroad and then move to International Student Exchange. Efforts to increase funding and a proposal has been developed.

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- a. November 3-5 20th SEMAU at University of Georgia

16. Asia Council David Starling

- a. Faculty development workshop plans under way. The event will be at Perimeter College in April 2017. David will send Robin the information to disseminate.
- b. Working on increasing programs in Asia - Vietnam, Korea, and India. Let David know if you have faculty interested.

17. Americas Council Jose de Cruz

- a. No report

18. European Council Margee Bright-Ragland – no update

19. Middle East Council Jason Tatlock – no update

20. Study Abroad and Faculty Exchange in College of Education programs

- a. There was discussion about exchange possibilities at UGA, Kennesaw State University, and Clayton State University. Other institutions were asked to report about programs they offer. Nursing and Education departments were interested in finding out how they could benefit from such programs. There were questions raised regarding the length of the programs such as short-term, embedded and legal issues. Some challenges faced at Georgia State University include late transcripts and graduation before credits arrived. It was suggested that schools with similar problems work together to help each other and report to Robin.