International Committee Meeting – November 29, 2017

Begin: 1:05 pm

Attendees: Carol Motcyka, Sven Normann, Randell Doty, Stephan Schmidt, John Gums, Adam Dzedzy

Minutes from the last meeting were approved by a quorum and order was called by Dr. Motycka.

Next meeting time
The next committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, 1/31 from 2:00 – 3:00 pm.

Sven’s Report

IPSF update
Students are preparing for the IPSF trips and are currently working on fundraising efforts, including at the Global Gala in February. Students in IPSF participated in International Education Week, contributing to its success. The IPSF committee is working to bring in a Taiwanese practitioner in the spring, with more details to come soon.

IHOT update
The trip from Orlando will now be held in May as opposed to late July. This may be difficult for faculty to participate due to the timing, although Dr. St. Onge has expressed interest. Clarification of exact dates and discussion of potential overlap with SSA trips are to be discussed and will be reported to this committee as soon as possible.

Randell’s Report

SSA progress
The data from the SSA applications was presented, with 38 students being considered for three trips. The proposed trip to Japan is likely to be pushed back to next year in order to do more research and solidify connections prior to the first visit. The SSA trips for this year will be to Scandinavia, Italy and Australia since Japan is no longer being considered.

APPEs progress
The list of students has been sent to OEP to work on those who may go to APPE internationally. There are 11 possible candidates to go to these sites, with the most interest being in Germany, followed by Malta and Navarra.

Results of University of Helsinki visit
Three faculty members from the University of Helsinki visited for a week and it was a great opportunity for all. They met with many faculty members to discuss residency programs and how curricular issues work in the US. This trip helped strengthen the connection between UF and Helsinki, likely bringing new opportunities in Finland in the future.

International Education Week
Martin Henman’s visit went very well. There was a great turnout at all three events where he spoke and met with many faculty members. He also discussed opportunities for future collaborations between UF and Trinity College in Dublin.
New potential contacts
Dean Johnson and Dr. Derendorf recently made new contacts with the University of Parma, which may open up another opportunity during the Pharmitalia trip.

A group from Indonesia visited UF recently that included a pharmacist who Dr. Doty was able to meet to discuss upper administration and what is needed to set up more clinical practice sites. They will need many new pharmacists in order to do this, so there may be a potential opportunity for future collaboration.

Student trip to University of Navarra
Navarra will hold its International Health Week in February and will offer an opportunity to participate in a collaborative international health project. This could be a great opportunity for students and it is very inexpensive (~180 Euro for 4 nights).

Other Business
The International Certificate Program is not yet complete, but is still progressing.

There may be new housing opportunities for visiting students in Beatty Towers or Diamond Village. Dr. Doty plans to find out more information soon.

Dr. Normann has been invited to visit by the IPSF in Germany and will be speaking at their upcoming regional conference.

End: 1:40 pm