

Global Council COMMITTEE MINUTES

10 May 2018; 12:45pm – 3:05pm - HSS 301

<p>Council Members Present: Alexandra Tower, Chair Denise Kinsella, Vice Chair Delphine Broccard Jamar London Brandon Reilly Pete Morris</p>	<p>Others Present: Janet Wolf, IEC Ferris Kavar, Sustainability Poliana Raymer, Life Sciences Hari Vishwanadha, English</p> <p>Council Members Not Present: Catherine Weir (excused) Nancy Grass (excused) Carol Davis (excused)</p>
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1. Call to order: 12:50 pm
2. Public Comments: None
3. Announcements: None
4. Approval of minutes: Motion by Denise Kinsella to approve the minutes of April 26, 2018 as amended. Seconded by Pete Morris. Approved unanimously.

I. Research Symposium

Delphine Broccard provided a recap of the May 3rd Research Symposium which received numerous compliments from faculty and guests. Dr. Jeffery was present for the event and presented the President’s Awards at the end of the event.

Discussion of ideas for next year’s Symposium included: Preparing a Symposium flyer this summer for use at VIP Welcome Day and other campus events, speaking at Department meetings about the Symposium, and hanging a banner on the Quad.

II. Global Grants

The Council had called for faculty proposals for Global Grants for projects and events that would take place during fall semester 2018. The following faculty submitted proposals, and were invited to the Council meeting to discuss their proposals and answer questions:

1. Hari Vishwanadha, English: Literary Series
 Two events open to the SMC Community with readings by Iranian-American author, Gina Nahai and Japanese-American author, Mari Naomi each followed by audience discussion and questions. These authors were chosen by Professor Vishwanadha because their work is focused on the intersection of multiple cultures and issues of coexistence. Motion by D. Broccard and second by B. Reilly to approve the grant as presented. Approved unanimously.
2. Sheila Laffey, Communications: Film Screenings
 Professor Laffey proposed a series of film screenings followed by audience discussion and questions. The selected films are *Rock the Boat: Saving America’s Wildest River*, *Erin Brokovich*, and *Vanishing of the Bees*. All three films center on sustainability, social and environmental justice issues, and the interdependence of peoples and cultures. Motion by D. Kinsella and second by B. Reilly to approve the film series. Approved unanimously.
3. Jihyeon Cha: The Beauty of Korean Calligraphy
 Hangul, a beautiful Korean alphabet system is registered as a UNESCO Memory of World Heritage. At this event students would learn about Korean calligraphy along with a hands on experience of writing Korean characters under the direction of an instructor from the Korean Calligraphers Association. Motion by D. Kinsella and second by J. London to approve grant. Approved unanimously.

4. Brianna Simmons, Art: Crafting Social Justice

Two separate on-campus workshops centered on object making and activism to encourage dialogue about issues of social justice. Students learn about craft art and how it can be used to comment on oppression and injustice. Fall 2018 event will feature the making of Milagros, Mexican tin charms that have been used to address issues of migration and labor. Spring 2019 event will feature a workshop on quilting where students will create quilt blocks with a social justice message. Motion by P. Morris and second by D. Broccard to approve the grant. Approved unanimously.

5. Poliana Raymer, Life Sciences: Sustainability at SMC: Developing our Green Pride

The Environmental Affairs Committee proposed the installation of descriptive signage around the SMC campus to educate the SMC community about the sustainable features on campus. The signage would highlight the many responsible actions SMC has initiated to reduce its consumption and act as an example of good global citizenship such as solar panels, an organic garden, and LEED buildings. Global Council will have opportunity to review signage before printing. Motion by D. Kinsella and second by J London. Approved Unanimously.

The recommendations will be forwarded to Academic Senate for approval.

III. Study Abroad

The Latin America Study Abroad program for summer 2019 was cancelled due to lack of applications and deposits. The Council discussed ideas to increase interest and participation in SMC Study Abroad. Ideas included:

- Lowering the initial deposit (currently \$1000 - \$2000) that students pay to secure a place on the trip
- Spreading smaller payments over time. Currently, there is a first deposit and then a final payment.
- Allowing students to visit Financial Aid before committing with a deposit to see if they are eligible
- Informing students how much they would receive for the Global Citizenship Scholarship before they make the deposit
- Increasing the overall funding for scholarships
- Information sessions earlier in the process with emphasis on helping students to prepare such as getting a passport, completing pre-requisite classes, ideas for saving and paying for the trip.
- Advertising earlier beginning in spring for the winter program and fall for the summer program

IV. Definition of the Global Citizenship Theme : Justice

The yearly GC theme is defined on the GC website. Ideas for the webpage definition were discussed.

V. Open Letter to Board of Trustees

A letter to the Board of Trustees regarding a planned fountain for the new Math and Science Complex is complete and signed by various interested committees, clubs, and departments. GC Chair will present the letter to the Board of Trustees at the June 5th meeting.

VI. Adjournment

Adjournment motioned by Delphine Broccard. Seconded by Denise Kinsella. Approved unanimously at 2:38 pm. The next meeting is Thursday, May 18, 2018 – 12:45 pm HSS 301