

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

October 29, 2014 10:00 AM

Peavy Hall A143

Present: John Bliss, Chris Knowles, Temesgen Hailemariam, David Zahler, Michele Justice, James Boulger, Isaac Soper

News Roundup

John Bliss: Sabah University in Malaysian Borneo is interested in setting up an exchange program with us, in which our students would study and live at a research station.

Vietnam Forestry University is interested in duplicating our FM program and adapting it for their students. They are interested in setting up a faculty exchange program of 20:20 CoF/VFU with housing, food, transportation, and salary match included. Part of their school year program is during our summer, which would allow our faculty to reach the teaching hours they need in a shorter time period.

Chris Knowles: Has connections to Malaysia, may be able to visit next year as part of Softwood Council trip.

Temesgen Hailemariam: Very pleased with COF finally putting together a presence at IUFRO

David Zahler:

Michele Justice: Discussed current success of our program. Current students abroad (winter 2014-present): 45. In the past, 24 has been the maximum.

James Boulger: Proposed the idea of having graduate student presence in IFSA

Isaac Soper: Discussed new marketing plan and introduced new branding design of CoF International Programs.

AGENDA/ TOPICS DISCUSSED

- I. Updates/Announcements
 - a. General
 - i. Faculty-led study abroad (now titled "Destinations") – three programs running summer 2015. Last year successful, but Japan cancelled.
 - ii. Student exchange – new connection to Ecole Superieure du Bois in France, through WSE. Two COF students there now; two ESB students coming here Winter term
 - iii. Scholarships – 35 scholarships for international programs/conference attendance given to date. Average award around \$1500
 - b. Dean's Chile Tour – Dean and 6 COF members, 5 industry leaders from BOV will spend a week in Chile visiting forest industry companies and

II. Emerging Opportunities

- a. Chile-targeted RFP – to launch end of this term. Faculty group to go and build partnerships, connect to Chilean institutions.
- b. Vietnam Forestry University
 - i. Hanoi, Vietnam
 - 1. B.S. Forestry program (FM)
 - a. Want to take *our* undergrad forest mgmt. program and adapt it for Vietnamese students
 - b. Faculty exchange
 - i. VFU will provide housing/transportation/food/salary match
- c. Malaysian Borneo
 - i. Sabah (Malaysian Borneo)
 - 1. Study program at research station
 - 2. Knowles will be in Malaysia next year—could investigate program
 - 3. US Embassy helping to facilitate this. Ambassador's wife a PSU prof.
- d. Seoul National University, LTER – possible connections

III. How to best engage faculty?

- a. Feedback on DIF RFP
- b. Other approaches
 - i. Emerging opportunities for faculty and students
 - 1. Lunch seminar, to get conversation rolling

IV. Other business

- a. Membership – need new FES reps
- b. Other
 - i. “Student mobility”: 45 students abroad (winter '14 to present)
 - ii. Prospective student brochure in the works
 - iii. New IP website underway with new template
 - iv. Interactive map for CoF-I site