

Minutes: IESC
 Room HSS 230

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John Rector, Daryl Thomas, Ann Bliss, Rob Troyer, Kim Hoffman, Daniel Tanersly,
 Robin Smith, Yanwei Wu, Neng Yang, Sarah Nagel, Ermoe Bimca, Wangeci Gatimu
 Also Emily Plec

Time	Agenda Item	Who	Outcome/Followup
3:55pm	HR "campus profile"	Emily Plec and John Rector	<p>The Presidential Search includes a campus profile to explain and brag a bit about WOU. It serves as an introduction to Western. However any mention of international departments and activities were excluded; IESC and OICD were not mentioned. Emily Plec was present to explain, there can not be any changes in the current "campus profile", but she will make sure it gets in to any future descriptions.</p> <p>IESC and OICD gave input to the relevance international presence has on the WOU campus. Including: Study Abroad programs (20-80 students per year), International students (300-500) adding diversity and cultural exchange, visiting scholars (18 last year), veterans, international faculty in every division at WOU; this all points to a need to be aware of international diversity. Also mentioned were the support services on campus for international students in tutoring, writing and language. ICSP scholarships in OICD, (20 currently) may be diminished or lost this year. Neng reported that 20% of the international alumni give back to their universities.</p>
	Organizational changes in OICD study abroad staff	Neng Yang, Ermie Buncal, Sarah Nagal	<p>For years OICD has not had an office manager, and has had staff and some students take turns being receptionist. After petitioning the administration to get funding, and being told no, OICD re-arranged and re-organized staffing to create an office specialist position. This person must have international experience, bi or multi-lingual, and</p>

			office skills (especially website building). Unfortunately this means eliminating Sam Summers, Study Abroad Administer, position. Ermie Buncal and Sarah Nagel will now be in charge of those duties.
	Expanding Study Abroad participation	Ermie Buncal, Sarah Nagal	<p>Report on Study Abroad was presented to IESC. There has been a steady drop in SA enrollment in the past years at WOU. 80 in 2009 was the highest, currently 47 in 2014.</p> <p>Also the providers are changing. AHA, our main provider was bankrupt in 2013 but is making an attempt to recover. A new provider, CIS, in 2012 is picking up some opportunities for WOU.</p> <p>Sarah and Ermie outlined their marketing strategy to increase the number of applicants: including coordinating classroom presentations, provider presentations, informational emails to promote programs and courses. Their goal is to reach 120 students per year in the next 3 years. Discussion followed on how faculty can partner more strongly with OICD and advocate for study abroad.</p>