Internationalization Review and Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, February 2, 2012
Monroe Library, room 334

Present: Debbie Danna, Tony Decuir, Wing Fok, Blanca Anderson, Keith Gramling, Edwin Madera  Not present: Jaita Talukdar, Ric Bell Minutes by: Susan Dempsey
Start time of 10:40 am

1) Minutes from December 8th meeting unanimously approved.
2) Old Business
   a) LIEP has been funded. They are in the process of interviewing for a program coordinator.
   b) Rather than hire a director, the program will try and work with a management team consisting of LIEP faculty, the LIEP Academic Coordinator, the CIE Director and Coordinator for International Student Services.
   c) There are presently 19 LIEP students with potentially 7 more enrolling at mid-term.
3) New Business
   a) This Committee’s website is found on the CIE Intranet under Internationalization Review and Advisory Committee, http://www.loyno.edu/cie/IRAC_2011-2012. Faculty-led reports will stay internal as they may contain confidential information.
      i) The committee was approved as a Chapter 17 faculty handbook committee as of May 2011. Change of committee name to International Education Committee was approved in the November University Senate meeting. Danna will follow up with Barbara Ewell to ensure that this changes goes into the handbook.
   b) Terms for Faculty – Committee Members have 3 year terms. Committee decided on the following term expirations:
      • HUNS will change/review members in 2012;
      • CoB will change/review members in 2013.
      • MFA and SS will change/review members in 2014 and
   c) Keele University Exchange summary was approved by all committee members.
      i) After the first time attendance of a program, an evaluation will be written and reviewed. It was decided that active programs will be reviewed every 3 years and programs that are less active will be reviewed every 5 years.
      ii) Debbie Danna closely watches the exchange balances with our Exchange Programs.
      iii) It was noted by Danna that the main complaint that the incoming exchange students have is about the Residence Halls and the cost of food.
      A lengthy discussion regarding Residence Halls ensued.
   iv) Blanca Andersen questioned the academic quality of some ISEP semester programs since some Spanish majors return from their study abroad and
do not take any more Spanish classes; Wing Fok countered that a significant part of the experience was cultural immersion and that he stresses to his students to explore the culture. This led to the topic of student evaluations; Debbie Danna noted that she could send the evaluations for specific programs to faculty/departments. It was also noted that students could be required to take a certain number of courses in their major upon their return. This is a departmental issue.

d) The committee discussed internationalization and what the committee should be doing to further this goal.
   i) One of the goals of the University is to have 70% of Loyola students study abroad; presently, approximately 30% of Loyola students are studying abroad and this percentage has held for several years. Danna said that it is doubtful that we will get to 70% unless there are scholarships for study abroad.
   ii) Will the Capital Campaign include specific monies for study abroad scholarships?
       (1) During the Loyola internal ask for contributions, scholarships were not one of the categories easily gotten to.
   iii) An International Alumni program needs to be developed and implemented to raise funds for international student scholarships.
   iv) Admissions highlights 4 areas with new students and the international experience is one of these.
   v) It was suggested that 1) the President attend the EAC meetings and 2) this Committee should encourage upper Administration to find additional funding for Internationalization including.
       (1) scholarships for study abroad and international students
       (2) Funds for programming (SGA failed to fund the International Student Scholarship for spring 2012 because it is a “Fund raising event” although it has been funded for 9 of the past 10 years and has been raising funds for the scholarship during every year.)
       (3) Funds for Faculty Internationalization
       (4) Need to establish Alumni Programs
   vi) Debbie Danna will do a one page fact sheet on the current state of internationalization

**NOTE: A discussion regarding the need for more faculty diversity at Loyola ensued.**

**Meeting Adjourned at 11:31 am**