The University of Texas at Dallas
International Education Development Committee (IEDC)

Meeting – Thursday, August 29, 2019
MINUTES

Present: Andrea Diaz, Juan González, Edward Harpham, Bill Hefley, Serenity King, Jennifer McDowell, Michael Seeligson, Josephine Vitta, Conor Wakeman

Absent: Ria Ghosh, Tiancheng Hu, Rodolfo Hernandez, Jessica Murphy, Anvar Zakhidov

Guest: Marilyn Kaplan

1. Welcome Remarks
   Dean González welcomed previous and new IEDC Members. He let members know that Dean Murphy was out sick.

   Dean González gave a brief background of the IEDC Committee. The charge of this committee is that it would have overview over partnerships and agreements that help our Education Abroad students, our research, and help our mission as a university. The President is the person with the final authority to sign the agreements.

2. Introduction of IEDC Guests
   Dean González introduced and welcomed guest Dr. Marilyn Kaplan.

3. Announcements / Updates
   i. Dean González asked if any members had questions about the draft of the IEDC Report.
      o No questions were asked.
Rodolfo Hernandez wrote the report before going on FMLA.

The IEDC Report is in the “new” IEDC Box.

Comments are sought from the committee members.

The report needs to be submitted to the academic senate.

ii. Other item of business introduced was a request for a change in meeting times from 3:30pm – 5:00pm to 3:30pm – 4:30pm. Dr. Seeligson submitted the motion to approve this suggestion, seconded by Josephine Vitta. All in favor, no abstentions, nobody opposed. The suggestion was approved unanimously.

4. Consent Agenda
   i. Memorandum of Understanding between UT Dallas JSOM and Universitas Pertamina, Indonesia – Sponsor: Dr. Mike Peng

   Dr. Kaplan presented the proposal. This MOU facilitates research in faculty exchange. Primarily interested in energy management faculty. Does not include students, only faculty.

   Dr. Hefley submitted the motion to recommend the approval and implementation of the MOU, seconded by Dr. King. All in favor, no abstentions, nobody opposed. The Memorandum of Understanding for Universitas Pertamina was approved unanimously.

5. International Partnerships
   i. Student Exchange Program Agreement between UT Dallas JSOM and Université de Liege – Sponsor: Dr. Marilyn Kaplan

   Dr. Kaplan presented the partnership. This partnership will add Belgium to our exchange agreements for the first time. Lots of good courses in English. Business school to business school.

   Exchange is for both undergraduate and graduate students. Question arose about where directive of graduate articulation came from. Dr. Kaplan will find out the origin of directive.
Dr. King submitted the motion to recommend the approval and implementation of the proposal, seconded by Josephine Vitta. All in favor, no abstentions, nobody opposed. The proposal was approved unanimously.

6. **Topics for Next Meeting**

Dean González will give an update on the search for the Director of International Education.

Question from Dr. Harpham regarding faculty led abroad programs. Due to staff changes, what are we doing differently in Education Abroad?

Andrea Diaz will give a short presentation at the next IEDC Meeting regarding faculty led abroad programs and highlighting what happened last year.

Discussion among members regarding faculty led programs, from both faculty and student perspectives.

Dr. King presented a topic for the next meeting regarding MOU’s and proposals going straight to the President’s Office. How do we want to deal with these? Discussion between members.

Josephine Vitta presented a topic for the next meeting regarding whether or not the committee should recommend that the President sign off on an amicus brief that affects (OPT) Optional Practical Training, the work authority that a vast majority of our students utilize.

**Meeting Adjourned**