**International Programs/Offerings Committee**

**Minutes of January 20, 2011 Meeting**

Members present: Ms. Lillian Akin, Dr. Santanu Borah, Dr. Lisa Keys-Mathews, Dr. Alan Medders, Dr. Pat Sanders, Dr. Alex Takeuchi, Dr. Claudia Vance (Chair), Dr. Chungsheng Zhang.

I. Dr. Vance called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm.

II. Approval of Minutes.

The October 12, 2010 minutes were unanimously approved.

III. Old Business

1. Discussion of SGA Study Abroad Fee

Dr. Zhang mentioned that the Study Abroad Fee proposal was vetoed by the SGA President. The proposal was to charge $1 per student per semester for Study Abroad. Dr. Zhang presented the proposal three times to the students (SGA, Senate, & Students) to highlight the benefits of the proposal. The proposal was vetoed because it was deemed unfair to get all the students to pay for something when only 40 students benefited from such a venture.

Ezejimofor, Judith O. & Loic were the students who took a leadership role in bringing the proposal to the SGA. Judith, SGA rep to this committee, graduated last semester and Loic is currently not on campus. This essentially means that the Study Abroad Fee proposal is not going to move forward.

Dr. Zhang is still planning to talk to concerned individuals to get this proposal accepted.

Claudia will request SGA to have a student representative on this Committee

A website dedicated to Study Abroad Program needs to be in place with information items such as 1. Names of students who went on the Study Abroad Program, and 2. Share their experiences and how it has benefitted them.

B. Discussion of Need vs. merit-based scholarships

Claudia discussed the language used in the Kennesaw State’s Study Abroad Program. One of the options was the use of FAFSA to determine needs.

C. Discussion of Scholarship Awards

There is $28,000 budgeted for study abroad scholarships in 2010-2011. In the January round, 16 students applied and 11($8800) were awarded scholarships.

D. Selection of Scholarship Recipients

The committee decided to review student essays in alphabetical order, and using the IPO Evaluation Criteria sheet the following students were unanimously approved for scholarship awards:

Carley Andrews Costa Rica

Tiffani Barnett Costa Rica

Jeff Bolger Costa Rica

Allison Brackin Tanzania

Tyler Hodges Costa Rica

Alexander Lindley Switzerland

Chelsea McLain Costa Rica

Jess Morgan Tanzania

Christa Scheler Costa Rica

Mary Shelton Costa Rica

James Sherrill Germany

The following students were not approved for scholarship awards in the January 2011 scholarship round:

Bethany Bowlin Costa Rica

Jesse Leslie Germany

Lacy Offutt Germany

Ashley Restine Unknown

Saidu Turay Unknown

IV. The meetings for this committee have now been shifted to 2 pm on the second Tuesday of every month. Our next meeting will be held on February 8, 2011 at 2 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

The *Minutes* were kept by Santanu Borah.