Collaboration for International Research, Communication and Learning in Education

Action items and events update from CIRCLE Meeting on February 26, 2014, 12:00-1:30p.m. ED 206L

Members Present: Dr. Gillian Eriksson, Dr. Judit Szente, Dr. Anna Wolford, Dr. Jeff Kaplan, Dr. Malcolm Butler.

Apologies Received From: Dr. Karen Biraimah, Dr. Thomas Murray

Action Items and Updates on Events:

1. Goal 1 (Student International Experiences)
   a. STEAP (Short Term Education Abroad Program): Netherlands (Dr. Gillian Eriksson). Two Dutch students from Radboud University are resident on campus for the Spring Semester working on an equivalent of Honors in the Major as part of this program. They have visited 8 schools to observe a continuum of services for gifted students; and are visiting Dr. Murray’s school, Lutz Preparatory School in Tampa. The UCF STEAP program to the Netherlands was changed to the Fall 2014 semester, and one student admitted who was collaborating with the two Dutch students. Dr. Hoogeveen from Radboud presents the keynote for the ‘Reaching Ahead in Teaching the Gifted’ Conference held in MIRC on March 15, and would be teaching in 4 courses from March 17 to 19th.
   b. Italy Study Abroad (Dr. Judit Szente). Dr. Szente reported that currently there are 20 students, with 2 faculty. Four of these students are retuning who went on the last program. Dates are 5 May to 17 May, 2014. They have included a two-night stay in Florence.
   c. Internship II Abroad: Marjon, Plymouth, U.K. (Dr. Jeff Kaplan). Dr. Kaplan reported that 5 students would be going – 4 elementary (all in the same school placement) and 1 secondary. March 15 to April 6, 2014.
   d. Spain Semester Abroad – Dr. Biraimah reported that 2 students were spending the Spring semester in Spain. Plans were being developed to take 20 students in future, and new plans for placements/housing were underway for Fall 2014.

2. Goal 2 (Internationalization)
   a. Dr. Judit Szente – International Education Week would be starting 6th November and the Committee is requested a schedule right away. Presentations from last year could be repeated and those from study abroad programs.
   b. Faculty attendance at International Conferences. Dr. Biraimah would be attending the CIES Conference in Toronto in March, SACHES Conference in South Africa in August and the Comparative Education Conference in Bulgaria. Dr. Wolford would be attending the CIES conference in Toronto in March. Dr. Szente would be attending the ACEI conference in Vancouver, and the UN
conference on International Education in New York. Dr. Storey reported that 5 College Faculty would be presenting at the International Conference on Doctoral Education in Cardiff, Wales on April 9th, 2014. Dr. Kaplan would be attending the International Conference on Self-Study of Teacher Education Practices in East Sussex in England, August 3-7, 2014.

4. Goal 3 (Collaborations, Partnerships, Grants)
   a. Dr. Judit Szente had been awarded a sabbatical – she will be working with UNESCO in New York, working on the Millennium Goals to post 2015 – developing a Global Monitoring Report that includes Ethiopia, China, Tanzania, India, with specific case studies.
   b. Botswana (Dr. Karen Biraimah). 10 students have already been selected. Teachers and administrators from the placement schools were collaborating on the program in advance. Students would be preparing mini lessons in advance, including after school activities. School supplies and activities and board games would be donated to the schools in the project. May 27- June 19, 2014.

2013/2014 Facilitators: Chairperson: Dr. Gillian Eriksson
   Facilitator Goal 1 (Student International Experiences): Dr. Anna Wolford;
   Facilitator Goal 2 (Internationalization): Dr. Judit Szente;
   Facilitator Goal 3 (Collaborations, Partnerships, Grants): Dr. Tom Owens.
   Ex-Officio: Dr. Karen Biraimah
   Website: http://education.ucf.edu/international
   Future Meetings: Last Wednesday of each month 12-1.30p.m. (Spring 2014): March 26, April 30 (ED206L).

Conferences mentioned in item 3d above:
SACHES – South African Comparative and History of Education Society – August 10-12, 2014 Durban, RSA
http://www.saches.co.za/
Bulgarian Comparative Education Society (BIES) 15-20 June, 2014 Nessebar, Bulgaria.
http://bces.home.tripod.com/
http://www.cies.us/2014/
ACEI Global Summit 10-13 April, 2014 Vancouver, Canada.
http://acei.org/conferences/annual-conferences.html
4th International Conference on Professional Doctorates 10-11 April, 2014, Cardiff, Wales
https://www.ukcge.ac.uk/main.php?main=events&Conference=4th
The 10th International Conference on Self-Study of Teacher Education Practices
http://www.castleconference10.com/