

Study Missouri Consortium Meeting Minutes

11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Friday, April 22, 2016

Columbia College

Cougar Room, Dulany Hall

Call-in number: (573) 875 -7719

Present:

Institution	Name
Central Methodist University	Catherine Baxter
Columbia College	Britta Wright
Columbia College	Kelly Sharp
Fontbonne University	Rebecca Bahan
Jefferson College	Stacy Dean (phone)
Lincoln University	Duwon S. Clark
Missouri Department of Higher Education	Jessica Duren
Missouri Valley College	Imani A. Johnson
Missouri Western State University	Barbara Voight (phone)
Missouri Western State University	Fumi Cheever (phone)
North Central Missouri College	Karla McCollum
St. Charles Community College	Dawn Huffman
St. Louis Community College	Chris Sulincevski
Southeast Missouri State University	Carrie Cluney
Southeast Missouri State University	Eshraq AlKhabbaz
University of Central Missouri	Joy Stevenson (phone)
Wentworth	Cristina Starke (phone)

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

**II. Review of Minutes from February 19, 2016**

- Minutes reviewed, Chris Sulincevski made motion to approve, motion approved.

**III. Report of the Chair –Karla McCollum**

- Karla’s last meeting as Chair, Chris Sulincevski will be taking over as Chair after July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**IV. Report of the Treasurer – Joy Stevenson**

- Report emailed this morning, please review.
- Motion to approve, vote approved.

**V. Old Business**

- **Bahamas School of Business and Technology articulation agreement with Missouri schools and online degree programs**

- Karla went to the Bahamas the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in March to kick off the agreement; things went very well.
- Every day began with press, every evening was community night for parents and students to get more information and ask questions.
- Karla currently has 18 applications on her desk.
- Biggest thing from now on will be to maintain the momentum for the program.
  - Karla plans to go back in October
- Students will generally come in with 30 + hours completed before they transition to North Central Missouri College
  - Working on decreasing the number of credits needed from North Central to 15 as opposed to 25.
  - Working on dual enrollment for new students starting with BIBT which allow them to take courses at both BIBT and North Central.
- Next steps for interested institutions: send what courses you will/already offer online to BIBIT students, as well as any scholarship opportunities and amounts. This information will be placed in a brochure for BIBIT.
  - Please get this information to Karla after NAFSA /1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> week of June.
- There is a huge interest in track + basketball programs.
- Very interested in study abroad – our students going there
- They are in desperate need of a nursing program (LPN + RN) – and would love to have faculty from member institutions come for about 3 weeks to instruct some classes.
- **International Education Day**
  - Very successful, around 380 attendees and 81 countries represented.
  - Feedback was given during the MAIN meeting.
    - Duwon Clark suggested giving brief overview of politics in the U.S. to help cut down on any confusion/answer any questions about the U.S. government beforehand.
    - Several options discussed: starting breakfast either at the hotel or Truman Building and giving brief overview, emailing handout to students and/or advisors.
  - Rebecca Bahan suggested sending ‘thank you’ to representatives, etc. and including facts about international education in the state and what Study Missouri offers.
  - Suggestions made to add the countries students are from on their name tags next year.
  - Students sitting by country/region at luncheon vs. having the freedom to sit wherever they choose?
  - Cannot reserve the rotunda until the middle of May after legislation has completed.

- Schedule of events and any other pertinent information will be sent out to advisors earlier.
- Photo Contest: winning photos are available for viewing on the website.
- **Advocacy Day**
  - Joanna Mendez received Region IV grant to attend the event and Chris Sulincevski attended as well.
  - Topics included immigration, visas for students.
  - Chris would like to give someone else the opportunity to go next year as he has attended several times.

## VI. New Business

- **NAFSA**
  - **Reception: Wednesday, June 1, 2016 from 5:30- 7pm at The View House.**
    - Will be in conjunction with Study Iowa and Study Illinois.
    - Study Iowa contributing \$1,000 and Study Illinois \$1,500, leaving the remainder to be covered by Study Missouri.
    - What ROI will Study Missouri receive? Having more attendees than other consortia?
    - Currently 9 RSVPs for the reception, invites will be sent to everyone soon.
    - Study Iowa working on agenda.
  - **Booth:**
    - Cathy Baxter will be driving and volunteered to take items needed for the booth.
    - Booth items/giveaways: magnets, notebooks, pens, screen cleaners will be available at booth
    - Will also have 40 backpacks for EdUSA Advisors.
  - How do we go about limiting the number of attendees from each institution?
    - EventBrite sign-up with a preface to each institution that they are limited to 2 attendees.
- **Announcement of new Chair for Education Abroad Committee**
  - Took a vote and only 15 people voted.
  - **New Chair:** Fatemah Zakery from Harris- Stowe State University, congratulations!!
- **New Chair of Web and Marketing Committee**
  - Position currently still vacant, Karla will send out another email to see if there is any interest for the opening.
- **Recruitment Opportunities**
  - If anyone ever has an opportunity, please share with the group.
  - Discussed inviting cultural attachés (international initiatives committee)
- **Education USA Advisor**

- Tentative arrival date for Advisor will be Sunday, October 16, 2016. The desire is for the Advisor to move throughout the state and attend Region IV Conference in Springfield
- Michael Schaffer (REAC for Southeast Asia region) should be attending the annual conference this year and Joy plans to make contact with him at this time.
- **2016-2017 membership letter from Commissioner of Higher Education**
  - New information will be placed in letter to reflect Study Missouri updates.
- **Other new business**
  - When do committees meet?
    - Chair is responsible for organizing meetings.
  - New brochures will be sent to the printer on Monday, April 25 and will be ready for pickup in two weeks.
  - Carrie Cluney will update voting member/contact list in June.
  - Chris Sulincevski mentioned opportunities for students to study abroad in Sri Lanka and faculty to go teach there. If interested, contact him.
- **Election of officers**
  - Dawn Huffman made motion to appoint Britta as new Chair of the Domestic Initiatives committee, motion accepted, motion approved.
  - Positions currently available: Chair elect, Chair of Web and Marketing, Chair for Public Policy.
    - Emails will be sent out with committee descriptions and to check for interest.
    - Email will also be sent to check on status on Membership and Finance Committee.

## VII. Committee Reports

### A. Web and Marketing

- Chair still needed, Karla will send out an email for interest.
- No new information at this time.

### B. Membership and Finance

- No new information at this time.

### C. International Initiatives

- Tentative date to bring advisor in on Sunday, October 16, 2016.
- Will need institutions to help house and feed the advisor while they are here.
- Karla will take on Northeast region, Chris + Rebecca will take care of St. Louis, Britta will work on the mid-Missouri area. If interested in helping contact Joy Stevenson.

### D. Domestic Initiatives

- \*Please see earlier information concerning IE Day and NAFSA\*

### E. Public Policy and Legislation

- Chris sent an email listing committee members.

- Chris will remain Chair of the Committee if there is no interest.

**F. Education Abroad**

- Congratulations again to the new Chair, Fatemeh Zakery!
- No new information at this time.

**VIII. Next Meeting: September 16, 2016**