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| Asia Council Meeting MinutesSeptember 11, 2015Middle Georgia College Rm 208*In Attendance:**Salli Vargis – Georgia Perimeter College (chair)**David Starling– Valdosta State University* (*vice chair)**Eric Kendricks – Georgia Perimeter College**Jonathan Leightner – Georgia Regents University**Ken Nguyen – Clayton State University**Baogang Guo – Dalton State College**Flor Bondal – Georgia College and State University**Paul Rodell – Georgia Southern University**Lily Wang – Middle Georgia State College**Jianchuan Zhou – Albany State* *Mimi Noda- Albany Sate**Frederick Bounds – Georgia Perimeter College**Eric Spears – Georgia College* |
| Topic | Discussion | Action |
| Meeting was called to order by chair at 2:05pm | N/A | N/A |
| Introduction of members/attendees |  |  |
| Previous minutes | Review of minutes from previous meeting  | Approved |
| Election of New Officers  | Chair – David Starling V-Chair – Sallie Vargis Secretary - Flor Bondal  |  |
| Business |
| a. Progress report on Asian Studies Certificate at various campuses | * Members discussed how to grow the number of students pursuing the Asian Studies Certificate
* All information about the certificate are on the website
* Georgia Regents University is planning to create an Asia Certificate
 | Members encouraged to talk to students going on study abroad to explore the Asian Studies Certificate |
| b. Report of Study Abroad Programs 2014-2015c. Study Abroad Program for 2016 | * The 2015 China Program had 25 students plus 7 faculty participants.
* The Taiwan Program had 7 students plus one faculty; went without incidents
* 12 students participated in the 2015 Japan program, 1 faculty participant.
* Clayton state is planning to develop an India Program
* 4 students participated in the 2015 Philippines program. The 2016 is now open for pre-health students
* Need report from Louis Meng about the China Language Program
* Members discussed the process and benefits of becoming an Asia council program; this open the possibilities for members to share program information to other
 | NoneNoneSallie will contact LouisNone |
| d. Faculty Development Workshop | * Paul and Sallie announced the publication of their article about the Teach Asia Workshop on the Asia; maybe publication is an alternative means of faculty development about developing programs
* Paul proposed how future faculty workshop maybe thematic vs. country/region (ex. Religion, etc.). Or, alternating it with country bi-annually
* Members discussed the 2016 Faculty Development Workshop: “Teaching East Asia” (Korea )
* Proposed date: Late March/Early April
 | pdf file of the article will be circulated through council website and listserv Eric Spears to present the geography part. Baogong and David to contact other speakers. October deadline for speakers |
| Financial Update  | * Current balance as of September 2015 is $12,100
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| Asia Council Website  | * David would like to put announcements about Asia activities/events, recruitment events for study abroad, etc.
* Website will have the link to Kennesaw State’s Confucius Center for China Research Center
 | Members to send any pertinent links for site inclusion to David Starling |
| SCIE System Council for International Education) Updates  | * SCIE officer was hired - New director of International Education
* Members discussed study abroad insurance, tax, etc.
 | None |
| Liaisons to SCIE Committees  | No Report | None |
| Asian Events –  | * Dance Troupe Don Quixote at Georgia Tech October 11, 3:30pm Indian
* Japan feast – 3rd Weekend in September
 | Sallie will send more info |
| Next Meeting | 1. January 22, 2016 is SCIE meeting
 | Members to hold the same meeting at the same time |
| Other Items & Miscellaneous Announcements | * Push for study abroad – Korea, Vietnam, focus on the next 2 years
* Korean-American students are interested in Korea Programs. Discussed possible contacts for Seoul
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| Adjournment  | The meeting was adjourned at 3:05pm |  |