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| Asia Council Meeting Minutes  January 29, 2016  Middle Georgia College  Jones Building Rm 121  *In Attendance:*  *David Starling– Valdosta State University* (*vice chair)*  *Baogang Guo – Dalton State College*  *Paul Rodell – Georgia Southern University*  *Lily Wang – Middle Georgia State College*  *Jianchuan Zhou – Albany State*  *Mimi Noda- Albany Sate* | | |
| Topic | Discussion | Action |
| Meeting chair calls meeting to order at 1:23 pm | N/A | N/A |
| Introduction of members/attendees |  |  |
| Previous minutes | Review of minutes from previous meeting with amendments to report on the Teaching Southeast Asia report by Paul Rodell and a correction in the spelling of Sallie Vargis’ name. David made note of the problems and will make the corrections before the minutes are posted on the website | Approved |
| Business | | |
| a. Discussion of the Asian Studies Certificate | * Chair notes that the Asian Studies Certificate is pretty much moribund with very few schools signed on * All information about the certificate is on the website | Members encouraged to approach their campus administrators to consider the Asian Studies Certificate |
| b. Report of Study Abroad Program for 2016 | * Baogang Guo reports that the 2016 China Program had 17 students plus 7 faculty participants. But more students must be recruited or some of the faculty will be lost * David Starling reports that the 2016 has 14 students signed up for Japan but for technical reasons only six have been able to pay * Louis Meng’s program for China will not be Asia Council listed * Discussion about a possible student program for Vietnam, based in Ho Chi Minh City with further travel elsewhere to the north * Further discussion about student recruitment which is difficult now that so many campuses have their own programs and about faculty salaries | None  None  None  David & Paul will look into the possibilities  None |
| d. Faculty Development Workshop | * David reported that the speakers for the faculty development workshop on Korea have been contact and a full program is expected . * The Consul General of Korea based in Atlanta will be one of the speakers * Other speakers will include a session on art, North Korea and peace talks among others * Members discussed a possibility of a 2017 Faculty Development Workshop on Religion in Asia. This was a follow up from the last meetings discussion. It was decided to proceed with Paul taking the lead. | A flyer for the workshop will soon be prepared and circulated |
| Financial Update | * David will get the current balance from Salli |  |
| Asia Council Website | * David noted that our webpage is still there but without much new material. * Some discussion of linking our webpage to other international sites | Members to send any pertinent links for site inclusion to David Starling |
| SCIE System Council for International Education) Updates | * David reported that there was not much that was new that has come from the SCIE | None |
| Liaisons to SCIE Committees | No Report | None |
| Next Meeting | 1. Will be announced |  |
| Other Items & Miscellaneous Announcements | * Baogung raises the declining active membership & the need to do something * David suggests that we individually get on people to attend. * A suggestion to consider a Skype alternative be considered which is the same thing as what the Middle East Council is now doing because they got down to zero attendance * David also proposed that we consider the possibility of mounting a new faculty development program in Asia and using some of our monies to spur interest in going |  |
| Adjournment | The meeting was adjourned at 2:24 pm |  |