|  |
| --- |
| **Asia Council Meeting Minutes****September 30, 2016****Middle Georgia State College***In Attendance:*David Starling*– Valdosta State University* (*chair)**Sallie Vargis – Georgia Perimeter College (v-chair)**Eric Kendrick – Georgia Perimeter College**Jonathan Leightner – Augusta State University**Ken Nguyen – Clayton State University**Baogang Guo – Dalton State College* *Wilson Huang – Valdosta State University**Flor Bondal – Georgia College and State University**Paul Rodell – Georgia Southern University**Mary Helen O’Connor – Georgia State University**Liam Madden – Georgia State University**Francis Combier – University of North Georgia**Ihor Pidhainy – West Georgia University**Mimi Noda – Albany State University**Jan Rodd – Albany State University**Sandrine Catris – Augusta State University* |
| **Topic** | **Discussion** | **Action** |
| Meeting was called to order by chair at 1:10 | N/A | N/A |
| Introduction of members and attendees | N/A | N/A |
| Previous minutes | Will be sent out via email | Will be approved via e-mail |
| Committee Reports |  |  |
| 1. Asian Studies Certificate
 | * Discussions about the limited numbers of students interested due to the language requirement
* The group was reminded that it was agreed in Sept 2015 that 2 tracks will be offered, one with the language requirement and another with an alternative requirement
* Jonathan Leightner moved for the council to create the 2 tracks, seconded by Paul Rodell.
 | The members voted and passed the motionEric Kendrick volunteered to chair an ad hoc committee to work on the alternative track with Sandrine Catris who also volunteered for the task |
| 1. Report of Study Abroad Programs
 | * David Starling discussed the need to establish a Korean Program and the possibility of joining an existing one from other agencies.
* David Starling also explored a program in Vietnam but needs a faculty to direct it. Issues arise about faculty salary.
* Albany State is offering an India program in 2017 for nursing students. Students need to finish at least 2 nursing courses to be eligible to participate.
* The Summer 2016 Taiwan program did not make.
* The 2016 China program had 27 students and 7 faculty from 6 different schools.
* The 2016 summer Philippines program had 10 students.
* The 2016 Summer Japan program had 11 students with 2 faculty.
 | Brochure will be circulated via email |
| 1. Teaching Asia Faculty Development Workshop
 | * Eric Kendrick provided a synopsis of the “teaching Asia” activities from the last 3 years. Last April’s Teaching Korea had diverse topics and speakers with 34 participants.
* Paul Rodell provided a brief background of the program and how it came about.
* Paul proposed a thematic approach to the program activities instead of focusing on a country or region. He proposed themes like “the role of religion in Asia.” Paul volunteered to coordinate the program if the members decide to go with a thematic focus.
* Eric Kendrick proposed a focus on Japan for 2017. He proposed to round up all the countries first, concluding with Japan before going into a thematic focus. He presented various resources, activities and possible speakers.
* Paul Rodell moved that the council will offer a workshop on Japan in 2017, seconded by Sallie Vargis
 | The members voted and passed the motion. Eric Kendrick volunteered to coordinate |
| Financial Update | * Sallie Vargis reported that the council has approximately $11,000.00.
* Members discussed moving the money to Valdosta State as agency money
 |  |
| SCIE System Council for International Education) Updates  | * David reported that there was not much that was new that has come from the SCIE
 |  |
| Asia Council Website  | * No new information on the website
 | Members to send any pertinent links and information for site inclusion to David |
| Other Items & Miscellaneous Announcements | * Atlanta Asian Film Festival – October 7-22, 2016, GSU Perimeter College-Dunwoody Campus
* Asian Studies Development Program in Portland, Oregon – March 2-4, 2017
 |  |
| Adjournment | The meeting was adjourned at 2:27 pm |  |

e