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| **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 motion  Eric 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 |  |

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