

INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL EXCELLENCE
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Stu Harvey discussed how the Oklahoma City Community College Institute for Global Excellence (OCCCIGE) fits into the 'Way Forward' criteria of the College. The Board has expressed the need to increase our international involvement, not necessarily on a purely academic basis. The formation of this organization will increase the visibility and resources of the College and will develop expertise in cultural understanding that will also become a good resource for the College. Although global education will not be the primary purpose of OCCCIGE, it will remain an important part with the initial focus on cultural and industrial opportunities.

OCCCIGE will:

- Coordinate international initiatives
- Provide a focal point for obtaining resources
- Provide a focal point for marketing success stories
- Global Ed Committee will still look at curricular issues

Stu asked Susan VanSchuyver, Jim Schwark, and Sunny Garner to serve with him as the Advisory Committee for this organization.

There will be two primary "Centers of Excellence" initially with more added later if needed. The two centers will be:

- Center for World Languages and Culture
- Center for International Business

Stu confirmed there will be a timeline established. Jim Schwark expressed concern that the organization not be student driven but rather set up and when demand is there to act quickly and appropriately. It was agreed that it should not be a student success initiative but a broader, long-term ongoing organization with a long-term budget established. He felt that two to three million dollars may be needed over the next ten years for projects, etc. The Advisory Committee will meet the first of the year to hammer out budget and resources for 2008.

Abra Figueroa distributed a proposal for the World Languages and Cultural Center that would consist of a lab/learning center stocked with a wide variety of resources

to help students and the community learn world languages and cultures. Details are outlined in the materials distributed. The Center would support immersion groups in the state as cultural concerns are great here.

John Boyd outlined a proposal that was distributed for the Oklahoma City Community College Institute for Global Excellence. The proposal described several possible aspects of the organization including student/faculty exchange programs, associate degree programs, possible funding, global online course offerings, etc. He reiterated that everything that was addressed by this organization should be based on a country's values and educational system. He suggested beginning with the top ten countries with student in OCCC. Contact has been made with Richard Rush of the South Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce who was interested in several aspects of the proposed organization. Stu noted that funding should be separate from the academic budgets and should stand on its own. John agreed adding we can not rely on government funding, that this must be an independent organization.

Stu reminded the task force that the regents are interested in what we are doing, but the task force group should decide how the money is spent. As long as the organization remains progressive, responsible and ties in with local businessmen, it will remain important to the regents and will continue to grow.

Abra Figueroa proposed that publicity would be an important factor. Stu agreed that we need marketing money. He will e-mail Dr. Sechrist regarding this meeting, ask for final permission to use OCCC's name, and once this is confirmed we need to carry out projects we can complete with no funds required. The group agreed a web site was necessary, and Jim Schwark added that an e-mail system was also needed along with a phone number for each center. Once this is up and running we will need publicity.

The question of international recruiting was addressed as we have no housing for international students. Sunny Garner placed a high priority on acquiring a dormitory or apartment complex for future use. John Boyd noted that the business division was ready to go online with a course now.

Stu asked that we have both proposal incorporated into one document for presentation to Dr. Sechrist and the Board. John Boyd concurred. Stu and John will incorporate both proposals into one for the task force to review after the first of the year.