Collaboration for International Research, Communication and Learning in Education

Action Agenda Following CIRCLE Meeting on
March 31, 2010, Noon-1:30pm, ED 206L

Members Present:  Drs. Biraimah, Boyd, Eriksson, Frazee, Martin, Murray, Nutta, Owens, Spinella, Szente and Dr. Consuelo Stebbins, Assistant Vice President for Internationalization

Action Items:

1) Study Abroad Programs in UK and Spain. As reported by coordinators, 8-9 students will be participating in the Plymouth, England summer program, and 9 students will be participating in the Spain bilingual program. New recruitment activities will take place in late April to identify participants in the Fall 2010 program in Spain. Consuelo Stebbins and Joyce Nutta volunteered to share pre/post instruments that could be used to assess our overseas study programs.

2) CIRCLE Website Up and Live!!! Gillian Eriksson announced that the CIRCLE website is now live. It can be assessed at: www.education.ucf.edu/international. Please review this website, and if you have items to be added, contact Zachary Anderson, a student assistant for overseas study programs and CIRCLE (Zachary_Anderson@knights.ucf.edu) who will be happy to add information such as upcoming conferences, international programs, and other items of interest.

3) Conference in China. Suzanne Martin shared information regarding a conference she is helping to organize at SIAS International University in Zhengzhou, China. Further details about this conference entitled: Excellence in Global Education through Collaboration Conference can be found at http://siasconferences.com/

4) Peace Corps Fellows Program. Karen Biraimah briefly discussed the merits of the Peace Corps Fellows Program, which recruits returned Peace Corps Volunteers into various masters programs. She will discuss this opportunity with Dean Robinson and Dr. Patricia Bishop, Vice Provost & Dean of Graduate Studies, and report back to CIRCLE during the April 28th meeting.

5) CIRCLE’s Strategic Goals/Foci. Judit Szente announced that a finished draft of CIRCLE’s strategic goals and foci are ready for distribution. Karen Biraimah will share via her CIRCLE GroupWise address book. Please review and be prepared to discuss at the April 28th meeting.

6) Viet Nam/Florida School Project. Tom Murray reported on his very successful project connecting elementary classrooms in Tampa and Da Nang via a shared book project and an Adobe Connect Pro session. This activity could be readily adapted to take advantage of UCF
students participating in international study abroad programs, international internships etc. This video phone link is:  [http://connect.rc.udf.edu/p38255574](http://connect.rc.udf.edu/p38255574). Contact Tom for more details.

7) Items to be discussed during the last CIRCLE meeting for this semester to be held on Wednesday, April 28th, noon-1:30 pm, ED 206 L.

*Tentative Agenda*

1) Final reports: UK and Spain Study Abroad Programs for Summer 2010

2) Bilingual Program in Spain: Fall 2010 and Spring 2011 Recruitment

3) Discussion of CIRCLE’s Strategic Goals/Foci

4) Progress with Peace Corps Fellows Masters Program

5) Other???

(Please let us know of items you would like added to this agenda. We are happy to add announcements as well!)