Collaboration for International Research, Communication and Learning in Education

Action Agenda Following CIRCLE Meeting on
April 28, 2010, Noon-2:00 pm, ED 208

Members Present: Drs. Biraimah, Boyd, Brewer, Cohn, Culp, Eriksson, Frazee, Kaplan, Kochan, Martin, Nutta, and Owens. Also:
Angel Cardec (Office of International Studies)
Zach Anderson (CIRCLE Student Assistant)

Action Items:

1) Developing International Internships. The need to develop a recognized international internship program (Internship I and/or II) or an extended field experience was identified. Please let us know if you are interested in helping to explore these options. It was also recommended that we include Brian Zugelder in these discussions.

2) CIRCLE Website Up and Live!!! Gillian Eriksson demonstrated the current CIRCLE website 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. We also discussed adding “field input” from students participating in college study abroad programs. We need a couple of volunteers who will explore the possibility of linking these students to the website – with future possibilities of linking central Florida classrooms/teachers/student teachers.

3) Focus on ESOL Course for International Programs. Joyce Nutta recommended that we consider developing a course focusing on ESOL instruction that would be compatible with student study abroad programs. Please contact Joyce if you would like to be included in this discussion.

4) Peace Corps Fellows Program. The merits of the two masters level Peace Corps programs were discussed. Currently only the Fellows Program is accepting institutional applications. Karen Biraimah will discuss these options with Dr. Patricia Bishop (Graduate Studies) next week with the aim of initiating a proposal writing process. If you are interested, please contact Karen.

5) A Geographic Focus for CIRCLE/CED? The merits and issues related to selecting a geographic focus region for CIRCLE’s programs is being explored. While this would not eliminate faculty/student activities worldwide, it may be advantageous for the College of Education’s international plan to focus on one particular area where we will concentrate
student/faculty programs, research and grant writing activities. Let us know your ideas. And, if we do focus our interests, which region would be most appropriate for UCF?

6) **2010 International Education Week.** Circle will be sharing information regarding the dates for this year’s International Education Week activities. If we can inform faculty well in advance of the fall semester, it is hoped that they will consider adding International Education Week activities to their course outlines (such as building in extra credit for student participation/attendance or scheduling classes to participate).

7) **International Faculty Inquiries.** Discussions focused on providing faculty with a simple and straightforward system for dealing with inquiries from international scholars regarding sabbatical visits etc. Please contact Karen or Tom if you have input, ideas, or questions.

**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!**

**CIRCLE WILL RECONVENE IN SEPTEMBER, 2010.** (However, feel free to contact Tom Owens or Karen Biraimah if issues, questions or international opportunities present themselves during summer term.)