

**Committee on International Programs  
Talley Student Union, Room 5101, 1:00-2:30pm**

**Attendees:** Ali Almalki, Davis Aspnes, Michael Bustle, Maria Correa, Michael Evans, Michael Garval, Michael Hyman, Lingjuan Li, Ingrid Schmidt, Megan Winzeler, Chantell LaPan

**Absent:** Marina Bykova, Linyou Cao, Anna Dunaway, Fikret Isik, Elizabeth James, Martin King, Bailian Li, Trevor Little, Lian Lynch, John McCreery, Ashle Page, Pallavi Singh

**I. Welcome & Announcements (Maria Correa)**

- Update on our efforts surrounding the internationalization of the faculty code. It was presented to the executive committee, and not everyone was happy with the suggested changes. However, there is no objection to the first step, which involves talking to colleges and department heads to add an international activity item. No other updates are available at this time.

**Global Symposium in Prague Update (Megan Winzeler)**

- The Prague Institute's administrative home is transitioning from the College of Design to International Affairs, beginning July 1st. 12 faculty from NC State participating in the Global Symposium in Prague during spring break. The objectives were to learn about resources and capacity of the Prague Institute and to build relationships with partner universities in the region. They visited Czech Technical University, Czech University of Life Sciences, and Charles University. An MOU with Charles University is in progress.
- For a list of attendees and summary of the program, see <https://international.ncsu.edu/praguesymposium/>.

**International Operations Council Update (Maria Correa)**

- The IOC meeting focused mainly on the Nagoya Seed Grants. There was discussion based around how we can sustain these programs, what seed grant criteria should be, and what impact these seed grants should have.

**II. Jackson Rigney International Service Award – Discussion & Selection (All)**

- The committee discussed the nominations and voted for this year's award recipient. James Kiwanuka Tondo received a majority of the votes and is determined the 2017 recipient of the Jackson Rigney International Service Award.
- Nominees will be recognized and winners will be announced at the Global Engagement Exposition on April 18th.

**Seed Grant Criteria Discussion (Chantell LaPan)**

The committee discussed the seed grant criteria and potential modifications in order to standardize the process in future years. Questions discussed include:

1. How we should evaluate different types of proposals? Should different groups look at them, or should different criteria be implemented?
    - a. Proposals focus primarily on faculty collaboration, with the addition of graduate students to qualify as student mobility. Most if not all of the proposals received are hybrids of different categories.
    - b. Study Abroad Office reads them to look for conflicting programs or other potential issues, not to assess overall value of the the proposal.
  2. Should International Affairs reserve a portion of numerical criteria for their own review? Should people who have already received funding be considered as strongly? Should we prioritize funding for projects that implement strategic partnerships?
    - a. Prioritization would be good because it would be diversifying that relationship and we don't have excess amounts of funding. But, all international activity is good.
    - b. Better to base it on individual cases and the strength of those arguments for strategic partners or other partnerships. Language of seed grants suggests more open, organic process. Showing preference for partners may lead to limited growth.
    - c. Possibility of changing our priorities or preferences each year.
  3. Should the funding range be changed to a floor and ceiling amount? This could be an opportunity to give out smaller awards so more projects could be funded on campus (for example, internationalizing curriculum).
    - a. The benefit of giving smaller amounts is that it may stimulate a more thoughtful budget. It is important to provide legitimate, realistic amounts.
  4. How we should determine PI qualifications? Should there be a preference toward experience or toward junior faculty members that are starting something new?
    - a. Possibility of adding language that encourages mentorship, or senior faculty including junior faculty?
- Overall decision: The committee appreciates the broad nature of the seed grants and feels the current criteria are useful to faculty in different colleges. They would like to see the language in the current criteria edited for added clarity, but feel the overall ideas should remain the same. A majority of members agree to adjust the range of funding to make \$500 - \$7,000 available per award.

**Meeting adjourned at 2:24.**