
Standing Committee
NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY

International Programs
1:00-2:30, January 16, 2020
5101 Talley Student Center

Committee members present (check applicable):

Bonaduce-Dresler, Anna Rita	X	Porter, Stephen	X
Bunds, Kyle		Thakur, Siddhartha (Chair)	X
Darhower, Mark		Wesselow, Denise	X
Dirienzo, Jennifer	X	Woodbury, David	X
Edwards, Michael (Co-chair)	X	Dedmon, Hannah	
Hergeth, Helmut		Muratori Holanda, Debora	X
Hooper, Percy	X		
Jayarathne, K.S.U (Jay)	X	Bustle, Michael	X
Jing, Naihuan	X	James, Elizabeth	X
Kim, Sung Woo		Li, Bailian	X
Narayan, Roger		Schmidt, Ingrid	X

1. The meeting was called to order. It was determined that a quorum was present and the meeting could conduct business.

The following individuals were also present:

N/A	

2. The minutes from the December 5 meeting were reviewed and approved.

3. Sid Thakur, chair, provided a status summary on the proposed global scholarly reassignment leave supplemental funding. The provost is supportive of CIP's proposal, but he is still waiting for the state budget to be approved before he makes a final decision.

4. The process for reviewing Internationalization Seed Grant proposals was reviewed. Twelve proposals were received, and an email with links to all materials for the review has been distributed to committee members. Each member has been assigned no more than 3 proposals to review. The deadline is January 31 at 5:00, which allows 2 weeks for the review process. The review criteria are detailed in the online form, and reviewers may want to refresh their knowledge of the criteria before beginning their review of proposals.

Committee members were strongly encouraged to enter reviewer comments in the online form, because these are especially helpful to the candidates whose proposals are not selected. It is understood that reviewers are not from the candidate's own discipline, and it is the candidate's responsibility to describe their project in a way that its significance and feasibility is clear to reviewers outside the particular area of expertise.

The 12 proposals received were fewer than half the typical number. The drop may be due in part to concerns about the reporting requirements on "foreign influence" added to the Conflict of Interest survey. Faculty had previously expressed concern about fully understanding, earmarking additional time, and carrying out regulations that were increasingly complex. OGE is continuing to recommend and implement support systems to make it easier for faculty to navigate the regulations.

Committee members discussed the importance of demonstrating outcomes from these seed grants, but also to have realistic expectations of immediate outcomes. It was agreed that grant recipients who do not submit the required follow up report will be ineligible to receive any further funding. Also, the outcomes from a faculty member who has received multiple prior seed grants should be asked to provide information about more significant, longer term outcomes from earlier grants.

5. Michael Bustle, Associate Vice Provost and Director of the Global Training Initiative in the Office of Global Engagement, presented an update on the work of the Asia Strategy Task Force. His power point slides were distributed to committee members electronically.

Discussion centered on the need to select priority approaches and locations from among the possible proposals. Prioritizing a certain geographic region was seen as positive, with the understanding that emerging models could later be applied to other regions.

Committee members agreed that a bold vision is important as a framework, but that incremental steps will be needed to get there. Those universities receiving major USAID grants prepared by making a long-term commitment and investing significant resources. It will be critical to include these plans and commitments in the university's strategic planning for the coming 10 years.

6. There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned.

CHAIR SIGNATURE		
Chair Name: (Print)	Chair Signature	Date:
MICHAEL EDWARDS (ACTING)		02/13/2020