

Asia Council Minutes

**Asia Council Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2015
Middle Georgia College Rm 208**

In Attendance:

Salli Vargis – Georgia Perimeter College (chair)
David Starling– Valdosta State University (vice chair)
Eric Kendrick – Georgia Perimeter College
Jonathan Leightner – Georgia Regents University
Ken Nguyen – Clayton State University
Baogang Guo – Dalton State College
Flor Bondal – Georgia College and State University
Paul Rodell – Georgia Southern University
Lily Wang – Middle Georgia State College
Jianchuan Zhou – Albany State
Mimi Noda- Albany State
Frederick Bounds – Georgia Perimeter College
Eric Spears – Georgia College

Topic	Discussion	Action
Meeting was called to order by chair at 2:05pm	N/A	N/A
Introduction of members/attendees		
Previous minutes	Review of minutes from previous meeting	Approved
Election of New Officers	Chair – David Starling V-Chair – Salli Vargis Secretary - Flor Bondal	
Business		
a. Progress report on Asian Studies Certificate at various campuses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members discussed how to grow the number of students pursuing the Asian Studies Certificate • All information about the certificate are on the website • Georgia Regents University is planning to create an Asia Certificate 	Members encouraged to talk to students going on study abroad to explore the Asian Studies Certificate
b. Report of Study Abroad Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2015 China Program had 25 students plus 7 faculty participants. • The Taiwan Program had 7 students 	None

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<p>2014-2015 c. Study Abroad Program for 2016</p>	<p>plus one faculty; went without incidents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 students participated in the 2015 Japan program, 1 faculty participant. • Clayton state is planning to develop an India Program • 4 students participated in the 2015 Philippines program. The 2016 is now open for pre-health students • Need report from Louis Meng about the China Language Program • Members discussed the process and benefits of becoming an Asia council program; this open the possibilities for members to share program information to other 	<p>None</p> <p>Sallie will contact Louis</p> <p>None</p>
<p>d. Faculty Development Workshop</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul and Salli announced the publication of their article about the Teach Asia Workshop on the Asia; maybe publication is an alternative means of faculty development about developing programs • Paul proposed how future faculty workshop maybe thematic vs. country/region (ex. Religion, etc.). Or, alternating it with country bi-annually • Members discussed the 2016 Faculty Development Workshop: “Teaching East Asia” (Korea) • Proposed date: Late March/Early April 	<p>pdf file of the article will be circulated through council website and listserv</p> <p>Eric Spears to present the geography part. Baogong and David to contact other speakers. October deadline for speakers</p>
<p>Financial Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current balance as of September 2015 is \$12,100 	
<p>Asia Council Website</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David would like to put announcements about Asia activities/events, recruitment 	<p>Members to send any pertinent</p>

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	<p>events for study abroad, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website will have the link to Kennesaw State's Confucius Center for China Research Center 	links for site inclusion to David Starling
SCIE System Council for International Education) Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCIE officer was hired - New director of International Education • Members discussed study abroad insurance, tax, etc. 	None
Liaisons to SCIE Committees	No Report	None
Asian Events –	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dance Troupe Don Quixote at Georgia Tech October 11, 3:30pm Indian • Japan feast – 3rd Weekend in September 	Sallie will send more info
Next Meeting	January 22, 2016 is SCIE meeting	Members to hold the same meeting at the same time
Other Items & Miscellaneous Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Push for study abroad – Korea, Vietnam, focus on the next 2 years • Korean-American students are interested in Korea Programs. Discussed possible contacts for Seoul 	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 3:05pm	