

Global Citizenship

Global Council Minutes

Thursday, March 3, 2016

12:45 pm – 2:15 pm

HSS 301

Council Members Present:

Gordon Dossett, Chair

Kelley Brayton, Vice Chair

Jose Cue

Liz Koenig

Lauren Movius

Cesar Rubio

Peggy Kravitz

Council Members excused:

Nancy Grass

Catherine Weir

Others present:

Gillian Grebler, Carol Davis, Catherine Haradon, Ana Napoles, Wave Baskerville, Aicha Conde, Aurelia Rhymer, Harry Gill, Peter Morris, Janet Wolf

I. Public Comments:

- a. Lauren Movius- The United Nations Information Office is creating a series of videos in which people of all nationalities will read aloud the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights* in their own language. They want to record as many languages as possible. There is a possibility that SMC students may participate in this project
- b. Kelley Brayton-SMC is applying for a Capacity Building Grant for U. S. Undergraduate Study Abroad. The plan is to develop a winter program in Argentina lead by faculty in the Modern Languages Department and a Spring Break Field Studies program in Japan. Japanese is the second most popular language taught at SMC after Spanish. The primary focus of the grant is to involve and engage Modern Languages students and faculty.

II. Approval of Minutes:

- a. The minutes of the meeting of February 18, 2016 were approved without objection.

III. Chair's Report

- a. The date for the Ecofeminism Conference was changed from April 22nd to April 23rd
- b. Gordon Dossett presented the Global Citizenship spring events at the Academic Senate.
- c. Vicki Drake and Janin Darwiche have expressed interest in developing the "Around the World in 80 Books" program at SMC.
- d. The Seventh Annual Research Symposium is moving forward. Flyers have been distributed to faculty and departments and the website is active and the online application is now available.

IV. Announcements/Updates/Action Items

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a. Gender Resource Center

Student representatives from Associated Students, Wave Baskerville, Aicha Conde, and Aurelia Rhymer spoke about a program to create a Gender Resource Center at SMC to provide services to students who need assistance with gender issues. AS will have three town hall meetings for students to ask questions and provide ideas: Wednesday March 9th, Wednesday March 23rd, and Tuesday April 19th. Depending on student response and input, the idea for a Gender Resource Center can move forward.

“The Gender Equity Resource Center is “a safe and inclusive learning environment that encourages personal and intellectual exploration” and “an understanding of their relationship to diverse social, cultural, political, economic, technological, and natural environments.” The mission of the Gender Equity Resource Center is to facilitate the educational, professional, and personal growth of all students, regardless of sex, gender, sexual orientation or expression, through a diverse and interactive program of service, advocacy and education fundamental to their engagement as informed and involved citizens.”

b. Solar Cells- Harry Gill

Professor Gill presented his program “Students for Solar Cells in the Developing World”. His goal is to found a student club at SMC. The club members would address community groups such as the Rotary Club about the solar cell program. Such community groups would be the conduit for the transfer donated funds to sister organizations in other countries to buy solar cells and give them to families. The cells would provide light in homes and replace the practice of burning wood which is the primary source of light in homes in the underdeveloped world. This would improve the environment by preserving forests, preventing erosion, and reducing the greenhouse effect. This project could also be incorporated into our Study Abroad programs.

c. Language and Culture Exchange Program-Liz Koenig

An orientation meeting was held for approximately 50 students interested in the Language and Culture Exchange program at SMC. This program helps SMC students to connect with one another to learn about other cultures and languages. Students can participate by enrolling in section 2145 (free and noncredit) through Corsair Connect. They will then utilize eCompanion to upload a photo and introduction and use the site to meet other students interested in this program.

d. Ideas for increasing participation in Global Council

1. Reach out to faculty and staff from previous Professional Development and Study Abroad programs to attend Global Council meetings.
2. Send e-blasts through SMC emails to announce meetings and Global Council activities.

e. Grace Smith, Public Information Officer for SMC, will be accompanying the faculty and students on

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the upcoming Field Studies Abroad to England program.

Next meeting: Thursday, March 17, 2016 12:45pm -2:05 pm HSS 301