EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL
OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA

Georgia College & State University
104 Atkinson Hall
September 12, 2014
10:30 a.m.

AGENDA

Attendees: Dave Nelson, Doug Podoll, Irina McClellan, Jeff Brown, Teddi Cunningham, Dan Ross, Herb Mattord, Beverly Vantine, Maria Darley, Luc Guglielmi, Margee Bright-Ragland, Dustin Anderson, Nick Norwood, Robert Costomiris, Anisio dos Santos, Barbara Smith, Ron Fietkau, Connie Gregory (FTI), Jeremy Lawhorn (FTI)

Presiding: Margee Bright-Ragland, Chair

1. Minutes (Margee)
   a. Charge to the European Council for 2013-2014 (Margee)

2. FTI Presentation/Q&A
   a. FTI has worked with the EC for 14 years
   b. Delta is partnered with Air France and KLM so it’s harder to negotiate prices because all three airlines have to be in agreement.
   c. FTI has a humanitarian contract with Lufthansa on behalf of the EC, so that’s why we’re able to get better prices with much more flexibility.

3. Old Business
   a. Reports on 2014 Programs & Program Updates for 2015 (Directors)
      i. Paris
         (1) For 2014 the major complaint was issues with the housekeeping services at Cite. Luc has spoken to Cite about this and there shouldn’t be any problems next year.
         (2) Another major complaint by students for 2014 was the meals. Because of this and the logistical issues Paris will no longer have the buffet nights. Still trying to decide what to do about food, but will probably increase the amount of money on the grocery card (students had 100 euro in 2014)
         (3) For 2015 students will now have a second, on-site orientation to better explain the metro and bus system.
         (4) Also for 2015, there will be no more day trips such as Chantilly, but instead will have a weekend to the Loire River Valley for a tour of castles. The dinner cruise on the Seine was a big hit so this will stay a part of the program.
      ii. Berlin
         (1) On arrival day students get a walking tour of the area near the dorms to see where to buy cell phones, laundry mat, grocery store, etc. Students also have a survival workshop on how to navigate in Berlin.
         (2) In the 2014 group, two students received letters from the police. One for carrying a 9cm knife which is illegal in Berlin. The other student for “walking” across cars early in the morning.
         (3) For 2015 Barbara will be teaching a German class so both her and Ron will be co-directing the program.
      iii. Russia
         (1) No major issues, a few doctor visits but nothing out of the norm.
(2) Students didn’t experience any anti-American sentiment because of political issues in the area.
(3) 2014 was the first year for the Baltic Sea cruise and students loved it so will be a component of 2015 program.
(4) Students receive an onsite orientation to learn the neighborhood near IMOP and how to use the public transportation system.
(5) 15 of the 20 participants went on the Moscow trip and loved it.
(6) Students from Queens University in NC joined the Russia program and we hope they’ll study with the EC again.
(7) Students liked the food in the Russia cafeteria so the meal plan will be increased to breakfast and lunch every day.
(8) There were some issues with the Frankfurt layover so this will not be a component of the 2015 program.

iv. Scotland
(1) No problems with layover in Frankfurt; no behavior or medical problems either.
(2) 2015 price will be the same for the third year in a row.

v. London
(1) Was a good year and minimal issues with students.
(2) One of the biggest complaints from 2014 were the meal plans. The program will be changing how meals are done, but not sure how just yet. UCL is remodeling a food court and PDs will know in December what options will be available. Students will still receive Tesco cards, but amount on card will be determined if food court will be a viable option for students.
(3) Class days are moved to Tuesday/Thursday and fieldtrip days are Monday/Wednesday
(4) Same amount of negative comments about the dorm, but really is the best option. Could have nicer dorms but would be 16 pounds more per day or would be on the outskirts of London which isn’t a good location.
(5) Offer city walks and excursions to Stonehenge, Bath, and Cliffs of Dover that students pay extra for if they wish to participate.

vi. Ireland
(1) This was the last year for Dan Cabaniss; Dustin Anderson (GASOU) will be the new co-director.
(2) Locals got into a minor scuffle with EC students so WIT hired more security and there were no more problems.
(3) Program has increased by $100 for 2015
(4) Students get 35 meals during the program and most students seem fine with the meals.

vii. Spain
(1) A lot of minor sickness this year.
(2) One student decided to withdraw from the program in the middle and received Fs for all classes.
(3) Some faculty had poorly planned field trips, or field trips that didn’t last long enough. This should be the biggest component to all programs because this is what makes study abroad differ from regular classes.
(4) There will now be a class on Friday during the last week of the program.
(5) Students will no longer have to register for the 1 hr culture class but they are still required to attend. This will happen every week after their meetings.

b. Marketing Committee Update (Jeff)
4. New Business
   a. Program Materials for 2015 (Beverly)
      i. Brochures
      ii. Website
   b. Money Matters
      i. EC Budget (Irina)
   c. Evaluations (Luc)
   d. New EC program locations (Margee)
   e. Students with Disabilities (Luc)
   f. Collaboration Software for November & February meetings (Jeff/Herb)
   g. Meetings in Macon (Irina/Jeff)
   h. Costumer relation management system (Herb/Jeff)
   i. Current situation with Russia & Islamic State (Luc)
   j. Chairs for the next 3 terms (Margee)
      i. Nominations at May meeting were:
         (1) Barbara Smith (Current Berlin Co-director) was nominated for Chair. If selected
             she would step down as Berlin PD
         (2) Luc Guglielmi (Current Paris Director) volunteered as vice chair and would still
             be Paris PD
         (3) Jeff Brown (Current Member at Large/Marketing Leader) was nominated to for
             Chair
         (4) Luc nominated Howard Keeley for Chair
         (5) Irina McClellan(Current Russia PD/Treasurer) nominated to remain treasurer
   k. EC Bylaws (Jeff)
   l. Voting in the EC (Margee)
      i. Currently only the council can vote, should the executive committee be able to vote
         too?
   m. Faculty Salary in Memorandum (Margee)
      i. It was mentioned at the last meeting that we should change the wording that salary
         should be based on credit hours and not the number of students.

5. Other Business or Announcements
      Waterford, & Edinburgh
   b. Nov 8, 2013: EC Executive Committee at GC Macon Campus