

Asia Council Minutes

**Asia Council Meeting Minutes
September 6, 2013
Georgia College Macon Center**

In Attendance:

*Salli Vargis – Georgia Perimeter College (chair)
David Starling– Valdosta State University (vice chair)
Eric Kendricks – Georgia Perimeter College
Wei Lui – Georgia Gwinnett College
Jonathan Leightner – Georgia Regents University
Ken Nguyen – Clayton State University
Baogang Guo – Dalton State College
Flor Bondal – Georgia College and State University
Lily Wang – Middle Georgia State College
Paul Rodell – Georgia Southern University
Ai Kataika –Valdosta State University
Camell Bearden – University of North Georgia
Charles Thomas Preston, Jr. – University of North Georgia
Nalanda Roy – Armstrong Atlantic State University
Wilson Huang – Valdosta State University
Fred Bourds – Georgia Perimeter College*

Topic	Discussion	Action
Meeting was called to order by chair at 1:05	N/A	N/A
Previous minutes	Review of minutes from previous meeting	Approved with no corrections
Committees		
a. Progress report on Asian Studies Certificate at various campuses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two students received the certificate. No applicants since then. • Georgia Regents might offer the certificate with the new Confusion center • Georgia Perimeter College – offers foreign language tutorials (by local faculty) for critical language programs strict guidelines for assessment, etc. This maybe a creative way to get foreign language in schools. 	Needs a champion at schools to promote, recruit those with Asia minor students or Asia study abroad program students
b. Report of Study Abroad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer 2013 Taiwan 	

<p>Programs</p>	<p>program had 5 students from Georgia and 8 students from Florida</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 41 students and 16 faculty attended the summer 2013 China program. The 2014 program will be capped at 48 for transportation purposes • The 2013 summer Philippines program had 11 students • Korea program could possibly happen in 2014 but no logistics yet • 2014 Summer Japan program will be a 5 weeks program – but no logistics had been set yet -details still being worked out 	
<p>c. “Teaching Southeast Asia”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 34 faculty attended the seminar in February 2013 • The 2014 seminar will be hosted again by GPC • The 2014 program will focus on Southeast Asia - Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippines – history, economy, ecology, etc. • Registration, dinner and lunch is free to participants • Free lodging for presenters 	<p>Paul Rodell (GSU) – will chair the program</p> <p>Salli Vargis (GPC) – will take care of the food and location and registration</p>

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<p>Joint coordination process/office with European council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The joint coordination is for those universities who do not have office to handle study programs. • This will increase program fees to approximately \$100 but someone will be in-charged of printing program flyers, financial coordination, etc. • Jonathan Leightner (GRU) made a motion to try the joint coordination that if it goes well that it will be permanent. Motion seconded by Salli Vargis (GPC). 	<p>Motion carried</p>
<p>Financial Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current balance as of September 2013 is \$13,500.00 	
<p>Asia Council Website</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shortcuts to study abroad program are now available on the website with fewer clicks. 	<p>Members applauded David Starling for his work on the website</p> <p>Members to send any pertinent links and information for site inclusion to David</p>
<p>SCIE (System Council for International Education) Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Starling (VSU) and Salli Vargis (GPC) provided updates about the development of the SCIE office • This will be a one-man office without staff support. Job description is in development • 3 people from the councils 	

	will be in the search committee	
Asian Events –	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kennesaw University celebrates Year of Japan film festival 	
Other Items & Miscellaneous Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Ai Kataokabv based in Valdosta State University is the Japanese Outreach Initiative Coordinator from Japan. She will be doing presentations about Japan and its culture • David Starling (VSU) is interested in developing an Asian Study Institute to bring together everything Asia in one place - expertise, information, funding, etc. • Congratulations to Salli Vargis – recipient of faculty excellence award 	<p>Contact VSU if you are interested for Ms. Ai Kataokabv to come to your schools</p> <p>Anyone with experience contact David Starling</p>
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 2:11pm	