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| **Asia Council Meeting Minutes****September 14, 2012****Georgia College Macon Center***In Attendance:* Paul Rodell – Georgia Southern University Tracie Provost – Middle Georgia College Jonathan Leightner – Augusta State University Tom Preston – Gainesville State College Wilson Huang – Valdosta State University Victoria V. Dubriel – Fort Valley State University Flor Bondal – Georgia College Hongjie Wang – Armstrong Atlantic State University Lily Wang – Macon State College Wei Liu – Georgia Gwinnett College Ken Nguyen – Clayton State University Sarah Beth Mallory – LaGrange College (guest) David Starling – Valdosta State University Baogong Guio – Darton State College Sallie Vargis - Georgia Perimeter College (Council chair) |
| **Topic** | **Discussion** | **Action** |
| *Meeting was called to order by chair at 1:08 pm* | N/A | N/A |
| Previous minutes | Review of minutes from previous meeting | Approved with no corrections |
|  Council Membership Inclusion of Non-USG systems schools  | European Council has members from non-system schoolsLa Grange College are funding students to study abroad | Approved inclusion of non-system schools |
| Financial Update | Account Balance as of Sept. 2012 is $14332.80 | None |
| Unfinished Business* Website

   | Formerly hosted by Kennesaw. David Starling copied the site from Kennesaw and transferred it to VSU. David is in the process of updating the site. There will be a resource page with names of faculty teaching courses on Asia | Members need to send pertinent information to David for inclusion to the website – study abroad website links, etc.  |
| System Council Update | The Chancellor and Vice- chancellor attended the system council meeting. There was a discussion of recreating the International Education Center but in a small scale. | None |
| Asia Certificate Program | Valdosta State University graduated the 2nd certificate recipient.  | None |
| Study Abroad Programs* India Program
* China Program
* New Programs
 | Cancelled for lack of enrollment.UGA is offering a new India Program 42 students from 10-11 colleges attended; The program encountered issues of thief and dehydration. Proposed limiting the number to fit into one transportation van- South Korea Program- Japanese Language Program –negotiation halted by earthquake - Philippines Program – presented for Council support | NoneNoneNoneNoneSupported by council; program info will be made available through Asia Council website |
| Teaching East Asia | -The seminar will focus on China and possibly collaborate with Confucius Institute Proposed topics:* History
* Economics
* Politics
* Religion

-Date: Chinese New Year - Friday to Saturday February 8&9, 2013 -Title: Teaching East Asia: China: Resources and Tools to teach China-Location: Georgia Perimeter or Macon College - c/o Lily WangPossibly delivered through a Webinar (using Collaborate, etc.)- Free Registration  | * Jonathan Leightner – to teach economics (exchange rate, etc.)
* Hongjie Wang – to teach about food
* David Sterling – to contact Commerce/State department
* Members – to end list of suggested topics and possible person to teach to Sallie by next week
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| Asia Events | Athens Clark County Area received funding for Sanskrit play plus exhibition of Indian Arts |  |
| Adjournment | Meeting adjourned at 2:39pmNext meeting is January 25, 2013. |  |

Respectfully Submitted:

Flor Bondal
Asia Council Secretary