

**Asia Council Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2017
Middle Georgia State College**

In Attendance:

David Starling– *Valdosta State University (chair)*
 Sallie Vargis – *Georgia Perimeter College (v-chair)*
 Eric Kendrick – *Georgia Perimeter College*
 Jonathan Leightner – *Augusta State University*
 Ken Nguyen – *Clayton State University*
 Baogang Guo – *Dalton State College*
 Flor Bondal – *Georgia College and State University*
 Paul Rodell – *Georgia Southern University*
 Mary Helen O’Connor – *Georgia State University*
 Liam Madden – *Georgia State University*
 Ihor Pidhainy – *West Georgia University*
 Mimi Noda – *Albany State University*
 Jan Rodd – *Albany State University*

Topic	Discussion	Action
Meeting was called to order by chair at 1:05	N/A	N/A
Introduction of members and attendees	N/A	N/A
Approval of minutes	Motion to accept by Paula Rodell, seconded by Jan Rodd.	Minutes approved
Committee Reports		
a. Asian Studies Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eric Kendrick presented “option C” to those interested in the Asian Studies Certificate but lack the resource to fulfill its language requirement (please see attachment). The option proposed 3 alternatives to the 6-credit hour language requirement: 1) non-language option, 2) reduced language option and 3) alternative language option. All substitutions should come from options contain in the Asian Studies Certificate document. 	Members discussed and approved the proposal.

<p>b. Report of Study Abroad Programs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wilson Huang – no report • Baogong Guo – 15 applications for 2017, recruitment still on-going. Non-Dalton students may need to pay a \$100 administrative fee to Dalton State University. • David Starling – Japan program enrollment successful; 18 students enrolled for summer 2017. Mimi Noda from Albany State is also offering Japan program. • Flor Bondal – 16 students are participating in the Summer 2017 program 	<p>Council approved.</p>
<p>c. New Programs for 2018</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David is attempting to develop a Korean program but unable to secure the setting for Summer 2017 • Eric Kendrick is also developing a program in Japan for 2018 offering humanities course • Liam Madden – presented a potential partner for various study abroad programs in Thailand • Sallie Vargis – presented a possibility of a study abroad in India for History students 	
<p>Financial Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salli reported that appx. \$12,000 is left in the account and is processing to move the funds to Valdosta State University. 	
<p>Asia Council Website</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No changes 	<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"> • USG was presented with a private system where scholars can register as speakers for a fee. The database will be available to all USG programs and campuses at no cost. Scholars may be invited to speak at the cost of travel only. 	
<p>Teaching Asia Faculty Development Workshop on Japan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The workshop will be on April 7-8, 2017 at GSU Dunwoody Campus • No registration fee • Dinner on April 7th will be provided free • Eric Kendrick presented several potential speakers 	<p>Salli will develop the registration link</p>
<p>Other Items & Miscellaneous Announcements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asian Studies Development Program in Portland, Oregon – March 2-4, 2017 • Japan Day at Armstrong University on March 17th. • Paul Roddell announced that the association of global studies has a meeting in Morocco on Dec 12-14, 2017. • Baogong – announced invitation for faculty participation for the 2017 china program 	
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 2:36 pm</p>	