

International and Education Services Committee

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Room HSS 230

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Time	Agenda Item	Who	Outcome/ Follow-up
3:55 PM	Review and Approve Minutes October and January	Rob Troyer and Committee Members	Reviewed and Approved
	Islam Presentation	Rob Troyer and Daryl Thomas	The Islam presentation sponsored by the Polk Community for Human Equality (PCHE) organized a public presentation “Being Muslim in our community”, Sunday Feb 19, was well attended at WOU HWC classroom. Chemeketa CC professor of World Religions, Matt Davies gave a well-informed presentation about the religion of Islam. The audience was very polite and engaged in the presentation. Muslim WOU students did not feel comfortable enough to be on the panel, as had been planned.
	Rosario Study Abroad	Ermie Buncal	Ermie is completing a 12 credit Study Abroad program specifically for WOU in Rosario, Argentina. Students can get credits for Spanish, Criminal Justice, Sociology and also International Service Learning credits. The program is available this summer, and is cost effective for WOU students.
	SACM Update	Ermie Buncal, Rob Troyer	WOU anticipates new Saudi students starting Spring 2017, mostly transfers from other colleges and Universities. There had been a moratorium for Saudi students, but that is now lifted.
	Faculty Senate: Art Department presentation regarding international students	Rob Troyer	Art professors presented to Faculty Senate this week their concerns and frustrations about international students in their Visual Communication and Design Program. The Art faculty has adapted and responded to minimize language barriers and added extra support to make sure international students succeed. Rob Troyer, Steve Scheck and Rob Winningham

			met last Fall 2016 with faculty to consult about this situation. The Art faculty still struggle to create positive classroom dynamics with such wide variety of student abilities. Their concern is that American students will start to avoid certain classes in this program.
	Strategic Planning		The Provost is promoting “Experiential Learning” and “High Impact Learning” which is part of the Strategic Plan. The committee discussed how to include Study Abroad and international students in this campus conversation.
	Academic Excellence and Study Abroad		There is a need for someone to be in charge of the Study Abroad Students presentations at Academic Excellence this year. Bryan Dutton and Misty Weitzel volunteered.