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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 schools  La 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 | None  None  None  None  Supported 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 Wang  Possibly 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 |
| Asia Events | Athens Clark County Area received funding for Sanskrit play plus exhibition of Indian Arts |  |
| Adjournment | Meeting adjourned at 2:39pm  Next meeting is January 25, 2013. |  |

Respectfully Submitted:

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Asia Council Secretary