

# Asia Council Minutes

**Asia Council Meeting Minutes  
September 30, 2016  
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*  
 Wilson Huang – *Valdosta State University*  
 Flor Bondal – *Georgia College and State University*  
 Paul Rodell – *Georgia Southern University*  
 Mary Helen O’Connor – *Georgia State University*  
 Liam Madden – *Georgia State University*  
 Francis Combier – *University of North Georgia*  
 Ihor Pidhainy – *West Georgia University*  
 Mimi Noda – *Albany State University*  
 Jan Rodd – *Albany State University*  
 Sandrine Catris – *Augusta State University*

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
Meeting was called to order by chair at 1:10	N/A	N/A
Introduction of members and attendees	N/A	N/A
Previous minutes	Will be sent out via email	Will be approved via e-mail
Committee Reports		
a. Asian Studies Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussions about the limited numbers of students interested due to the language requirement</li> <li>• The group was reminded that it was agreed in Sept 2015 that 2 tracks will be offered, one with the language requirement and another with an alternative requirement</li> <li>• Jonathan Leightner moved for the council to create the 2 tracks, seconded by Paul Rodell.</li> </ul>	The members voted and passed the motion  Eric Kendrick volunteered to chair an ad hoc committee to work on the

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		alternative track with Sandrine Catris who also volunteered for the task
<p>b. Report of Study Abroad Programs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David Starling discussed the need to establish a Korean Program and the possibility of joining an existing one from other agencies.</li> <li>• David Starling also explored a program in Vietnam but needs a faculty to direct it. Issues arise about faculty salary.</li> <li>• Albany State is offering an India program in 2017 for nursing students. Students need to finish at least 2 nursing courses to be eligible to participate.</li> <li>• The Summer 2016 Taiwan program did not make.</li> <li>• The 2016 China program had 27 students and 7 faculty from 6 different schools.</li> <li>• The 2016 summer Philippines program had 10 students.</li> <li>• The 2016 Summer Japan program had 11 students with 2 faculty.</li> </ul>	<p>Brochure will be circulated via email</p>

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<p>c. Teaching Asia Faculty Development Workshop</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eric Kendrick provided a synopsis of the “teaching Asia” activities from the last 3 years. Last April’s Teaching Korea had diverse topics and speakers with 34 participants.</li> <li>• Paul Rodell provided a brief background of the program and how it came about.</li> <li>• Paul proposed a thematic approach to the program activities instead of focusing on a country or region. He proposed themes like “the role of religion in Asia.” Paul volunteered to coordinate the program if the members decide to go with a thematic focus.</li> <li>• Eric Kendrick proposed a focus on Japan for 2017. He proposed to round up all the countries first, concluding with Japan before going into a thematic focus. He presented various resources, activities and possible speakers.</li> <li>• Paul Rodell moved that the council will offer a workshop on Japan in 2017, seconded by Sallie Vargis</li> </ul>	<p>The members voted and passed the motion. Eric Kendrick volunteered to coordinate</p>
<p>Financial Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sallie Vargis reported that the council has approximately \$11,000.00.</li> <li>• Members discussed moving the money to Valdosta State as agency money</li> </ul>	
<p>SCIE (System Council for International Education) Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David reported that there was not much that was new that has come from the SCIE</li> </ul>	
<p>Asia Council Website</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No new information on the website</li> </ul>	<p>Members to send any pertinent links and information for site inclusion to David</p>

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Other Items & Miscellaneous Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Atlanta Asian Film Festival – October 7-22, 2016, GSU Perimeter College-Dunwoody Campus</li> <li>• Asian Studies Development Program in Portland, Oregon – March 2-4, 2017</li></ul>	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 2:27 pm	