# ACADEMIC POLICIES COMMITTEE Meeting Minutes October 15, 2015

**Attendance:** Jim Daichendt (resource), Karen Sangren, Laurance Beauvais, Michelle Riingen, Mark Pitts, Skip Rutledge, Diana Cordileone, Rob Thompson, Kristie Camet (resource), Randal Schober (guest), Kerry Fulcher (guest)

**Prayer:** Laurance Beauvais

Approval of October 1, 2015 APC Minutes: M/S/P

## **Kerry Fulcher Office of Global Studies Background**

- Discussed the post-prioritization thought process of the changes made to Study Abroad and the Office of Global Studies to improve the academics of the program and move toward the vision of PLNU International.
- Moving toward hybrid model of third party combined with direct partnerships and faculty-run study abroad opportunities.
- Goal is to have a predictable number of students gone on study abroad at any given time to assist managing the enrollment cap.
- APC member questions about faculty involvement in decision-making.
  - o Planning on filtering course proposals, etc. through APC.
  - Change to academic focus came from various faculty feedback based on student experience.
  - Program is working toward establishing the model and funds for faculty exchanges and faculty scouting trips.
  - Dr. Fulcher reassures again that Sandy has every intention of engaging faculty in the process as the Office of Global Studies expands, etc.

### **OLD Business**

#### 1. Report on Requested Chair/Dean Survey (Mark Pitts)

- No department chair reported a problem with the 16-unit standard.
- Indication is that on a case-by-case basis some flexibility may be possible.

#### 2. Global Studies Proposal – second reading

Motion to Accept – M/S/P

## **NEW Business**

- 1. Discussion of Possible New Introductory Course for Freshman (Randal Schober)
  - Dr. Pitts introduces the presentation of this. Initial discussion phase (faculty involvement)
- 2. Student Behavior Response Proposal first reading

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Not discussed because of time. Rescheduled for next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:21p.m.

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