

CJC International Committee
10/14/2022
Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome/Minutes from Sept. 9 meeting

Meeting started at 9:36 a.m. All committee members were present

- Admin representative: James Babanikos
- Faculty representatives: Roxane Coche, Pat Ford, Norm Lewis, Kasey Windels
- Student representatives: Alexia Bérenger, Noura Ibrahim, Ernest Makata, Manuel Tuñez

Also present: Future staff representative Max Williams, Coche's graduate assistant Hadeel Alhaddadeh and Center of Public Interest Communications' Jack Barry.

Max Williams was welcomed to the group as the Staff Council is expected to confirm him as the staff representative at their next meeting.

Windels made a motion to approve the minutes from the Sept. 9, 2022 meeting. Babanikos seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

2. International calls for proposals

Discussion of previously approved action item about the wish to give faculty access to international calls for proposals earlier

Williams said he forwards these calls as soon as he gets them. From his experience, many successful proposals are funded thanks to previous relationships between grant proposals' authors and program officers. As such, identifying CJC strengths so we can identify and contact agencies to find out if/when they will have any available funding would be a good idea. We can then send them a one-page white paper to ask if the idea is suitable for funding. Moonshot proposals where people just cold call a program can get funded, but it's rare.

But these moonshot proposals are still useful. The first time we submit to an international call is difficult because we're creating something from scratch, but then we can use a modular approach – take pieces and tailor them to a particular funding opportunity. It gets easier and easier to improve the proposal thanks to reviews.

Ford asked about the possibility for a couple of people to take a trip to DC to meet with such program officers, then. Williams said UF has representatives in DC, so he will ask about the CJC contact(s) so we can get in touch with them. Coche pointed out if a trip is not possible this school year, the next AEJMC conference is in DC in August 2023, so perhaps we could use this year to organize something then.

Coche presented some recent calls for proposals to present various projects we could work on. From these, Windels pointed out two stood out as good ways for this committee to move forward: working on a proposal for study abroad or one to bring foreign professionals/ students/scholars. The committee agreed with her assessment as such calls can concern anyone at CJC rather than just a few people. Hence, they are the proposals we will seek out primarily to write a proposal on behalf of the college.

3. Surveys

The survey for faculty & staff was finalized. It will allow this committee to have a better idea of where faculty and staff's interests in internationalization lie, and how the committee can best serve them. Coche will send it out the week of Oct. 17, 2022.

Second steps could include: (1) getting contact information from colleagues abroad interested in a CJC partnership from each faculty/staff, and (2) reading/analyzing the "international activity" section of faculty's annual evaluations. For the latter, Lewis volunteered to email Dean Kiouisis to find out if anonymizing these evaluations would be possible, so we can have richer data to use toward our internationalization efforts.

Student representatives will work on an adapted survey to get a foundational basis of what students want in terms of internationalization. It will also be sent ASAP.

4. CJC Senate & International Committee

Determining how the CJC Faculty Senate can support our committee is challenging as we are still finding our own identity. Three items were identified:

- Ask for help with survey – the more responses we get, the better.
- Lewis mentioned his "dream" to have international visitors routinely, and perhaps the Senate can help with that.
- Perhaps the Senate can support MOU efforts. Coche will talk to Dean Brown about MOU processes before talking to the Senate.

5. Other business

Committee congratulated Coche for her CJC International Educator of the Year award.

6. Adjournment

Windels moved to adjourn. Ford seconded. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 10:28.