Planning and Finance Committee Minutes October 25, 2017

Roll call:

Members Present: Wendy Bates, Lauren Chan, Tony Crowley, Amanda Hendrix, Patti Hoit, Susan Kalter, Arthur Martinez, David Marx, Adena Meyer, Amelia Noel-Elkins, Dimitrios Nikolaou, Jackson Pryhuber, Michael Rubio, and Joe Sandridge

Members Absent: Alan Lacy (attending Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee meeting), Samantha Lewis, Tracy Mainieri, and Zach Schaab

Meeting called to order at 6:02

Senator Marx began the meeting by discussing the process for approving committee minutes. The committee agreed to review the minutes and offer comments/corrections via email.

Guest: Dr. Luis Canales, Director, Office of International Studies and Programs

Dr. Canales presented the broad vision for the comprehensive internationalization of the ISU community. It involves operating in several different directions: global learning, study abroad programs, co-curricular activities, English language proficiency for teachers from other countries, hiring for improved diversity, ensuring administrators have knowledge of the meaning of internationalization, bringing students here for immersion in American culture, and training mid-level managers from other countries.

He presented the organizational chart and described the funding model the program uses. The university provides salaries and a very small amount ($3000 to $12000, recently) for operating expenses. The operations for its programs almost entirely come from participants or sponsors outside the university, with gross revenues in the $1.1 million to $1.5 million per year. This varies substantially as foreign government programs may be cut or added at any time.

One difficulty has been in getting visas for visiting students, educators, or other professionals. One solution is to hold trainings outside the United States, such as in Toronto, Canada.

Past and current programs have been with Panama, Brazil, and Mexico. The hope is to expand programs to include Germany, China, Japan, and South Korea.

Another program will be in international faculty development where educators can come to campus for a short time to learn research skills, teaching methods, and administrative skills to enable them to be successful by international standards.

The program is providing several grants for faculty and students to encourage study abroad, course development, adding international topics to the curriculum, and engagement learning.

Increasing the numbers of foreign students attending ISU may depend on providing reduced tuition (such as the scholarships recently donated by alumni originally from Taiwan or a reduced tuition rate than that for out of state students), meeting special housing needs, and campus integration.

Meeting adjourned: 6:58 PM

**Additional Information:**

* International Studies and Programs website: internationalstudies.illinoisstate.edu