

# Asia Council Minutes

**Asia Council Meeting Minutes  
September 5, 2014  
Middle Georgia College Rm 208**

*In Attendance:*

*Salli Vargis – Georgia Perimeter College (chair)*

*David Starling– Valdosta State University (vice chair)*

*Eric Kendricks – Georgia Perimeter College*

*Jonathan Leightner – Georgia Regents University*

*Ken Nguyen – Clayton State University*

*Baogang Guo – Dalton State College*

*Flor Bondal – Georgia College and State University*

*Paul Rodell – Georgia Southern University*

*Jim Anderson – Armstrong State University*

*Wilson Huang – Valdosta State University*

*Rene Antrop-Gonzalez – Dalton State University*

*Lily Wang – Middle Georgia State College*

*Barbara Goodman – Clayton State College*

*TeYoum Kim-Kassor – Georgia College and State University*

*Douglas Reynolds – Georgia State University*

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
Meeting was called to order by chair at 1:35pm	N/A	N/A
Previous minutes	Review of minutes from previous meeting	Approved with correction
<b>Committees</b>		
a. Progress report on Asian Studies Certificate at various campuses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most certificates from Valdosta State University</li> <li>• Language requirement is a big issue for schools that do not have opportunity to meet it.</li> <li>• Ideas for alleviating this issue discussed were:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- to consider study abroad programs as replacement for language requirement</li> <li>- design an additional course in lieu of the language requirement</li> <li>- create two levels of certification – a certificate with language and another without</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Members agreed to revise the requirements to be circulated for discussion via email. New requirements will be voted next meeting

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<p>b. Report of Study Abroad Programs (2013-2014)</p> <p>c. Study Abroad Program for 2014-2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Wilson Huang – 25 students plus 5 faculty participated the 2014 China program without major incidents. Proposing a Taiwan program in Summer 2015. The same program was proposed in 2014 but it did not make because only 3 enrolled</li> <li>- Baogang Guo – program orientation for 2015 China program completed 9/5/14. 7 faculty is joining the program in 2015. Program is kept the same, course in arts, economics, history, etc. Enrollment is declining due to increase competition from other schools.</li> <li>- David Sterling – 8 students participated in the 2014 Japan program, 5 from Valdosta State and 3 from other schools. Program is not set-up yet for 2015.</li> <li>- D.K. Kim – kim is not present to report about the Korea program. David can put together a Korea program. GC faculty will collaborate with David</li> <li>- Salli Vargis – proposed to revisit India program, an IT program in a year or two</li> <li>- Flor Culpa-Bondal – 12 students participated in the 2014 Philippines program. Recruitment for 2015 is ongoing with 5 students already applied</li> </ul>	<p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p>
<p>d. Faculty Development Workshop</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Teaching Southeast Asia” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 40+ faculty participated in the seminar last April at GPC. Majority of faculty from GPC but some from other schools.</li> <li>- participants were given a flash drive with all the seminar materials. This was well received</li> <li>- good feedback from participants who are already asking for the topic next year</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Asia Council has been doing this for 3 years now and members agreed to continue it.</li> </ul>	<p>Members agreed to continue providing the seminar with Japan as the theme for 2015.</p> <p>Members to recommend faculty with expertise in Japan</p>

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Financial Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current balance as of September 2014 is \$12100</li> </ul>	
Asia Council Website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>David would like to put announcements about Asia activities/events, recruitment events for study abroad, etc., if member will send it to David</li> </ul>	Members to send any pertinent links for site inclusion to David
SCIE (System Council for International Education) Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SCIE officer was hired               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Doug Podel is now the director of International Education</li> <li>- From the Chancellor's office, vice chancellor Cecil Staton, is in-charge of International Education</li> </ul> </li> <li>Gaps in insurance coverage for study abroad program participants were discussed. Example of a gap is the exclusion of liability coverage if sued outside the US. SCIE will bridge and fix these gaps.</li> <li>Blue Cross Blue Shield has health coverage for international travels such as attending/presenting in conferences abroad or directing/participating in study abroad programs.</li> </ul>	<p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>Sallie will send to members the info flyer from BCBS</p>
Liaisons to SCIE Committees	<p>Study Abroad – no reports</p> <p>International Students &amp; Scholars – no reports</p> <p>Faculty &amp; Curriculum – no reports</p>	None
Asian Events –	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Japan fest in 2 weeks in Gwinnett Center in Duluth</li> <li>Japan outreach coordinator in VSU – Ai Kataoka does presentations about Japan</li> <li>Armstrong University is in the process of a grant application for an Asian festival</li> </ul>	<p>Invite her to your area for a presentation</p> <p>Any helpful ideas needed, please contact Jim Anderson</p>
Other Items & Miscellaneous Announcements	None	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 2:45pm	

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**Asia Council Meeting Minutes  
September 6, 2013  
Georgia College Macon Center**

*In Attendance:*

*Salli Vargis – Georgia Perimeter College (chair)*  
*David Starling– Valdosta State University (vice chair)*  
*Eric Kendricks – Georgia Perimeter College*  
*Wei Lui – Georgia Gwinnett College*  
*Jonathan Leightner – Georgia Regents University*  
*Ken Nguyen – Clayton State University*  
*Baogang Guo – Dalton State College*  
*Flor Bondal – Georgia College and State University*  
*Lily Wang – Middle Georgia State College*  
*Paul Rodell – Georgia Southern University*  
*Ai Kataika –Valdosta State University*  
*Camell Bearden – University of North Georgia*  
*Charles Thomas Preston, Jr. – University of North Georgia*  
*Nalanda Roy – Armstrong Atlantic State University*  
*Wilson Huang – Valdosta State University*  
*Fred Bourds – Georgia Perimeter College*

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
Meeting was called to order by chair at 1:05	N/A	N/A
Previous minutes	Review of minutes from previous meeting	Approved with no corrections
Committees		
a. Progress report on Asian Studies Certificate at various campuses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two students received the certificate. No applicants since then.</li> <li>• Georgia Regents might offer the certificate with the new Confusion center</li> <li>• Georgia Perimeter College – offers foreign language tutorials (by local faculty) for critical language programs strict guidelines for assessment, etc. This maybe a creative way to get foreign language in schools.</li> </ul>	Needs a champion at schools to promote, recruit those with Asia minor students or Asia study abroad program students

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<p>b. Report of Study Abroad Programs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summer 2013 Taiwan program had 5 students from Georgia and 8 students from Florida</li> <li>• 41 students and 16 faculty attended the summer 2013 China program. The 2014 program will be capped at 48 for transportation purposes</li> <li>• The 2013 summer Philippines program had 11 students</li> <li>• Korea program could possibly happen in 2014 but no logistics yet</li> <li>• 2014 Summer Japan program will be a 5 weeks program – but no logistics had been set yet -details still being worked out</li> </ul>	
<p>c. “Teaching Southeast Asia”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 34 faculty attended the seminar in February 2013</li> <li>• The 2014 seminar will be hosted again by GPC</li> <li>• The 2014 program will focus on Southeast Asia - Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippines – history, economy, ecology, etc.</li> <li>• Registration, dinner and lunch is free to participants</li> <li>• Free lodging for presenters</li> </ul>	<p>Paul Rodell (GSU) – will chair the program</p> <p>Salli Vargis (GPC) – will take care of the food and location and registration</p>

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<p>Joint coordination process/office with European council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The joint coordination is for those universities who do not have office to handle study programs.</li> <li>• This will increase program fees to approximately \$100 but someone will be in-charged of printing program flyers, financial coordination, etc.</li> <li>• Jonathan Leightner (GRU) made a motion to try the joint coordination that if it goes well that it will be permanent. Motion seconded by Salli Vargis (GPC).</li> </ul>	<p>Motion carried</p>
<p>Financial Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current balance as of September 2013 is \$13,500.00</li> </ul>	
<p>Asia Council Website</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shortcuts to study abroad program are now available on the website with fewer clicks.</li> </ul>	<p>Members applauded David Starling for his work on the website</p> <p>Members to send any pertinent links and information for site inclusion to David</p>
<p>SCIE System Council for International Education) Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David Starling (VSU) and Salli Vargis (GPC) provided updates about the development of the SCIE office</li> <li>• This will be a one-man office without staff support. Job description is in development</li> <li>• 3 people from the councils will be in the search committee</li> </ul>	
<p>Asian Events –</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kennesaw University celebrates Year of Japan film festival</li> </ul>	

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Other Items & Miscellaneous Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms. Ai Kataokabv based in Valdosta State University is the Japannese Outreach Initiative Coordinator from Japan. She will be doing presentations about Japan and its culture</li> <li>• David Starling (VSU) is interested in developing an Asian Study Institute to bring together everything Asia in one place - expertise, information, funding, etc.</li> <li>• Congratulations to Salli Vargis – recipient of faculty excellence award</li></ul>	Contact VSU if you are interested for Ms. Ai Kataokabv to come to your schools  Anyone with experience contact David Starling
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 2:11pm	



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January 25, 2013  
Georgia College Macon Center**

*In Attendance:*

David Sterling– *Valdosta State University (vice chair)*  
 Hongie Wang – *Armstrong State University*  
 Victoria V. Dubriel – *Fort Valley State*  
 Eric Kendricks – *Georgia Perimeter College*  
 Wei Lui – *Georgia Gwinnett College*  
 Jonathan Leightner – *Georgia Regents University*  
 Ken Nguyen – *Clayton State University*  
 Maria Doyle – *University of West Georgia*  
 Baogang Guo – *Dalton State College*  
 Bronson Long – *Georgia Highlands College*  
 Irma McClellan – *Valdosta State University*  
 Dwight Call – *Georgia College and State University*  
 FlorBondal – *Georgia College and State University*  
 Lily Wang – *Middle Georgia State College*  
 Ivan Nikola – *Valdosta State University*

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
Meeting was called to order by v-chair at ____	N/A	N/A
Previous minutes	Review of minutes from previous meeting	Approved with no corrections
Administrative coordination with European Council	Europe Council study abroad coordinator discussed with the group the study abroad coordination process and financial expenses. Handouts were provided.	
Study Abroad Programs for 2012-2013		
China Program	Baogang Guo reported that the program went smoothly last summer. So far, 20+ students have signed up for summer 2013. They are limiting the class to 48, 54 including faculty	
Korean Program	The program recruitment started late and there are no dorms available so the program was cancelled	Council members be notified of program cancellation maybe through listserv

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Philippines Program	14 students signed up for summer 2013	
Progress report on Asian Studies Certificate at various campuses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2 students from VSU were awarded the certificate</li> <li>- All information is posted in the Asia council website</li> <li>- VSU offers Japanese and Chinese languages</li> </ul>	
“Teaching East Asia:” A Faculty Development Workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- faculty assigned were Jonathan Leightner, Baogang Guo, and D. K. Kim</li> <li>– 29 people have signed up so far.</li> </ul>	
Financial Update	-David is transferring money from GPC to VSU account. Balance as of January 25 is \$14,300.00 not including the faculty development expenses	
Asia Council Website (David Starling)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Any info that members want posted on the website need to send info to David</li> <li>- Discussion to try a listserv where people can sign up or cancel themselves from the list</li> <li>– Georgia States is still hosting the listserv</li> </ul>	– Eric and David will contact them
SCIE (System Council for International Education) Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– A proposal to BOR for a new international office at USG, likely a one-person office to advocate for international education, collect, trend and share data</li> <li>- The office will be a new structure and support at the system level for fundraising, economic outreach</li> <li>– The proposal outlined staffing and budget, possibly money for faculty seminar</li> </ul>	
Liaisons to SCIE Committees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– First year new insurance policy use is going reasonably well, students were supported when submitting a claim.</li> <li>- A 2-tiered pay scheme was</li> </ul>	

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	introduced. The premium for 26 years old and below is way cheaper than for those 26 years old and above. - Members discussed the big difference in program cost between age groups.	
Asian Events	-Chinese New Year Celebration at Dalton State University on Feb 6-7. -Independent Chinese film Series March 28, 2013. (where?)	
Other Items & Miscellaneous Announcements	- Georgia Regents University is establishing a Confusion Institute	
Adjournment	- Meeting adjourned at 1:47pm	

**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  
 Salli Vargis - Georgia Perimeter College (Council chair)

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
<i>Meeting was called to order by chair at 1:08 pm</i>	N/A	N/A
Previous minutes	Review of minutes from previous	Approved with no corrections

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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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Website</li> </ul>	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 2 <sup>nd</sup> certificate recipient.	None
Study Abroad Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• India Program</li> <li>• China Program</li> <li>• New Programs</li> </ul>	<p>Cancelled for lack of enrollment. UGA is offering a new India Program</p> <p>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</p> <p>- South Korea Program</p> <p>- Japanese Language Program – negotiation halted by earthquake</p> <p>- Philippines Program – presented for Council support</p>	<p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>Supported by council; program info will be made available through Asia Council website</p>

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Teaching East Asia	<p>-The seminar will focus on China and possibly collaborate with Confucius Institute</p> <p>Proposed topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• History</li> <li>• Economics</li> <li>• Politics</li> <li>• Religion</li> </ul> <p>-Date: Chinese New Year - Friday to Saturday February 8&amp;9, 2013</p> <p>-Title: Teaching East Asia: China: Resources and Tools to teach China</p> <p>-Location: Georgia Perimeter or Macon College - c/o Lily Wang</p> <p>Possibly delivered through a Webinar (using Collaborate, etc.)</p> <p>- Free Registration</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jonathan Leightner – to teach economics (exchange rate, etc.)</li> <li>• Hongjie Wang – to teach about food</li> <li>• David Sterling – to contact Commerce/State department</li> <li>• Members – to end list of suggested topics and possible person to teach to Sallie by next week</li> </ul>
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:

Flor Bondal  
Asia Council Secretary