Advisory Committee for International Students (ACIS)
No. 04/2014-2015 – 13:00
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Present

B. Lemmelijn (Chair), I. Wouters, P. Chalupnicek (Secretary), J. Christopher, C. Dawson, Y. Q. Geng, V. Lebzyak, M.-C. O’Reilly-Gindhart, S. Tautz, J. Verkoyen (guest)

Excused

D. Azeez, V. Blanco, J. Drexler-Dreis, L. Pedregosa, P. Seveni

Minutes

1 Approval of the minutes from ACIS meeting on March 10, 2015

Minutes were approved by the present members of ACIS.

B. Lemmelijn informed members of ACIS that electronic access to the library by alumni, as discussed at the last meeting is currently not possible. Should things change in the future, all interested parties will be informed.

Follow-up: B. Lemmelijn will present the approved minutes to the Faculty Board.

2 Update on the planned meeting with WMH (Wereldmissiehulp)

M.-C. O’Reilly-Gindhart informed members of ACIS about the communication between WMH and herself as ACIS representative. In particular she focused on what our Faculty could contribute to WMH and its projects. The main thing WMH is looking for is potential projects they could support. She asked other members of ACIS what format of a meeting should be organized to achieve this.

C. Dawson said a personal meeting would be most helpful to clarify WMH interests.

P. Chalupnicek suggested organizing a public lecture with introduction of WMH and their projects with the explicit goal to establish cooperation with organizations in the home countries of our students, perhaps using a similar format as the lecture by Jeanne Devos in December. Then it is up to WMH which projects they select.

B. Lemmelijn said due to time limitations it would be best to organize the meeting next year, most likely in October. She asked members of ACIS to collect ideas of potential cooperation with WMH over the summer.
3 Facebook page for alumni

J. Verkoyen described the current activities of the Faculty on social networks. He emphasized that social networks are especially useful to interact with different groups of people interested in the Faculty. He introduced the plan to establish a closed Facebook group for alumni of the Faculty as a good way to keep in touch with them. The alumni will be invited to join the group via e-mail and they will be validated by the Faculty based on the KU Leuven electronic database of students. This ensures the group will serve its purpose. He asked ACIS members to inform students about the links to various social network profiles of the Faculty (Facebook, Twitter, Youtube and LinkedIn).

B. Lemmelijn emphasized the complementary nature of social media and other on-line sources of information (such as the Faculty’s webpages).

Attachment: Powerpoint presentation on Webdoc

4 Student Concerns

No student concerns were presented.

5 Varia

P. Chalupnicek informed ACIS members that SAINTS are looking for new core team members for the next year. He asked ACIS members to inform the students they represent about this opportunity. In particular, it would be good if students from Africa or India would join, as there are currently none on the core team. The only condition is that they are students of one of the international programmes next year. If there are any international students that would be interested in joining the core team, they can get in touch with him.

B. Lemmelijn thanked all ACIS members for their work for the committee in the current academic year. The next meeting will take place in the new academic year and all current ACIS members are invited to continue as part of the committee.

Pavel Chalupnicek
ACIS Secretary

Bénédicte Lemmelijn
ACIS Chair