ICAT MEETING - June 17, 2015

Attendees: Aga Sypniewska/Career Services, Michal Greenberg/OIE, Cloud Baffour/OIE, Cindy Kraft/OIE, Karey Sobol/Engineering, Elizabeth Pike/Geography, Kristi Barrowclough/Leeds

Note taker: Alexa Brown/CS peer advisor

Discussion points:

Aga: worry that ICAT is dwindling; should we change direction/format?; divide into sub-groups? meet more often? get away from updates and just focus on specific tasks? Overall consensus: we should definitely continue; both general updates meetings and specific task force groups beneficial; twice per semester is doable; in the fall, we should revisit the question when more people are present.

New Co-chair: Steve Rose from Study Abroad (on paternity leave, but CC Mary and start asking questions)—back in July.

Divide into 2 task-forces: International Internships & International Programming
• Might be worth going through one more semester w/ new co-chair instead of splitting yet
• Could provide valuable information in two specific categories that need growth
• Question of responsibility: how far should we should go to help students find opportunities

Alumni: untapped potential in finding international internships; people around campus have information they aren’t sharing; CS works with Int’l Alumni to find better ways to connect with international opportunities

Updates:

Career Services:
• Changing business model—moving away from academic model to industry-based; creating industry clusters to bring resources to students; still “Go Global” cluster—two new counselors joining: Kevin Glavin will help with NGOs, Jake Jedamus-Denu will help with outreach to global employers/organizations and CareerBuffs; other industry clusters—each will have designated counselors responsible for researching the industry and connecting with it:
  o Environment & Sustainability,
  o Education, Human & Public Services
  o Health Sciences & Natural Foods
  o Outdoor, Sports & Tourism
  o Engineering & Technology
  o Arts, Media, Entertainment & Communications
  o Business Management & Services, Law
○ Temp & Staffing Agencies
- Fall: event with State Dept. (great internships!); BuffTalks on Teaching English Abroad; another speaker about Global Careers (if you want to work abroad, just go do it. Here’s how); might invite Ginger Kern again (great success last semester)
- Spring: State Dept.; international career panel (bridge international students and students interested in going abroad—networking); another event TBD
- Trying to reach students where they are instead of trying to get them to come to events—switching to more outreach across the university—let Career Services know if you have any need for presentations & workshops for your students

OIE/Study Abroad:
- Get in touch about how SA can get involved in CS events
- Global Buffs email: info about working abroad, Fulbright
- Mary Dando will soon come back from Ireland with information on international internships

College of Engineering/Applied Science:
- Working on getting students enrolled this summer
- Idea for future speaker: Doug Smith, Assistant Dean in Engineering (has a lot of international experiences)

New Student Welcome (general feedback from ICAT group):
- Transfer students didn’t show up to Talk to Advisors sessions

Geography:
- Participating in New Student Welcome; not all students have to attend though
- Geography of International Development class may attract students interested in working abroad (email Elizabeth about coming in to do a presentation); Junior/Senior level mostly
- Agrees that CS need advisors with backgrounds in specific industries—students have industry-specific questions; some know exactly where they want to go but feel don’t get enough support from CS

Leeds:
- Didn’t want to switch to New Student Welcome structure; in-person or ZOOM appointments
- Dean wants all students (First-Year Global Experience) to go abroad; just business/cultural visits (not taking classes) — students write reflective journals after and take a spring class to prepare—might be more beneficial to send older students
- Some students interning in Spain (ISIC)
- Global Seminars (during Maymester)

CU Leeds Go Global Boot Camp:
- Students will pick an industry/country that they are interested in and create a portfolio and prep for an interview and job search process—portfolios will be judged/evaluated by Aga, Stacie Berdan and Cynthia Banks.
- Extended deadline to apply till end of June: discount if they enroll early—continue advertising it among students!
- Supposedly met the minimum number of students already to start

Conclusions:

Moving forward with ICAT:
- Best for sharing information; maybe not for getting things done
- Face-to-face is more helpful than on-line; only 2 meetings/semester
- More advisors should come (from any dept. if they see a need)
- Arts and Sciences Advisory Bulletin to share info/resources?

Next meeting:
- August and/or 3rd week of school
- come with new ideas
- attempt to get more faculty to attend—especially those that design internship programs