

Asia Council Minutes

**Asia Council Meeting Minutes
January 29, 2016
Middle Georgia College
Jones Building Rm 121**

In Attendance:

David Starling– Valdosta State University (vice chair)

Baogang Guo – Dalton State College

Paul Rodell – Georgia Southern University

Lily Wang – Middle Georgia State College

Jianchuan Zhou – Albany State

Mimi Noda- Albany State

Topic	Discussion	Action
Meeting chair calls meeting to order at 1:23 pm	N/A	N/A
Introduction of members/attendees		
Previous minutes	Review of minutes from previous meeting with amendments to report on the Teaching Southeast Asia report by Paul Rodell and a correction in the spelling of Sallie Vargis' name. David made note of the problems and will make the corrections before the minutes are posted on the website	Approved
Business		
a. Discussion of the Asian Studies Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair notes that the Asian Studies Certificate is pretty much moribund with very few schools signed on • All information about the certificate is on the website 	Members encouraged to approach their campus administrators to consider the Asian Studies Certificate
b. Report of Study Abroad Program for 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baogang Guo reports that the 2016 China Program had 17 students plus 7 faculty participants. But more students must be recruited or some of the faculty will be lost • David Starling reports that the 2016 	None

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	<p>has 14 students signed up for Japan but for technical reasons only six have been able to pay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Louis Meng's program for China will not be Asia Council listed • Discussion about a possible student program for Vietnam, based in Ho Chi Minh City with further travel elsewhere to the north • Further discussion about student recruitment which is difficult now that so many campuses have their own programs and about faculty salaries 	<p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>David & Paul will look into the possibilities</p> <p>None</p>
d. Faculty Development Workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David reported that the speakers for the faculty development workshop on Korea have been contact and a full program is expected . • The Consul General of Korea based in Atlanta will be one of the speakers • Other speakers will include a session on art, North Korea and peace talks among others • Members discussed a possibility of a 2017 Faculty Development Workshop on Religion in Asia. This was a follow up from the last meetings discussion. It was decided to proceed with Paul taking the lead. 	<p>A flyer for the workshop will soon be prepared and circulated</p>
Financial Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David will get the current balance from Salli 	
Asia Council Website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David noted that our webpage is still there but without much new material. • Some discussion of linking our webpage to other international sites 	<p>Members to send any pertinent links for site inclusion to David Starling</p>
SCIE System Council for International	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David reported that there was not much that was new that has come 	<p>None</p>

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Education) Updates	from the SCIE	
Liaisons to SCIE Committees	No Report	None
Next Meeting	Will be announced	
Other Items & Miscellaneous Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Baogung raises the declining active membership & the need to do something• David suggests that we individually get on people to attend.• A suggestion to consider a Skype alternative be considered which is the same thing as what the Middle East Council is now doing because they got down to zero attendance• David also proposed that we consider the possibility of mounting a new faculty development program in Asia and using some of our monies to spur interest in going	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 2:24 pm	