

Minutes: IUPUI/Moi U. Steering Committee Meeting February 6, 2009

In attendance: Oner Yurtseven, Eunice Kamaara, Lisa Tennant, Rachel Okware, Michelle Verduco, Nelly Tuikong, Rick Bein, Stephanie Leslie, Chris Leland, Eric Meslin, Carole Darst, Naomi Mutea, Nicole Keith, Elsie Rotich, April Bell, Peg Williams, Nan Bohan, Michael Owino, Corinna King, Sara Horton-Deutsch, Stephen. Apologies: Jan Cowan

1. PETM (Physical Education and Tourism Management) are pursuing funding to send 2 faculty/2 students to Kenya to complete a feasibility study for developing partnerships relating to sports tourism (and also, potentially, incorporating existing high altitude athletic training facilities) – Nicole Keith
2. Bioethics is a relatively new component of the IU-Kenya partnership. In 2003, following a 3 day workshop on research ethics, an MOU was signed by IU and Moi U. detailing a set of commitments to agreed principles of international research that address cultural differences. In 2008, the IU Center for Bioethics was awarded a Fogarty grant (1 of 15 around the world) totaling \$940,000. They will develop two parallel and overlapping research programs at IUPUI and Moi U. Also, from April 19-21 (and continuing annually for 4 years) there will be training workshops for participants to acquire the skills necessary to teach research ethics. All those interested should contact Eric Meslin at emeslin@iupui.edu More information is available at: <http://www.bioethics.iu.edu/arep.asp>
3. Engineering is exploring Kenya study abroad for student during Spring Break and Summer. Also, as over 25% of Moi Engineering students are private and fee-paying, there is an opportunity to develop 2+2 programs. This will be a subject of discussion during the visit of Dean Kirimiati to IUPUI in March 2009. (Also, Jan Cowan shared information about the potential for low-cost housing using used shipping containers – an idea already being developed by AMPATH) – Oner Yurtseven
4. The minutes of the IU-Kenya Advisory Group meeting on February were shared and April Bell gave an update on the new structure for AMPATH Research.
5. Nelly Tuikong of the Impact Kenya student group spoke of a campus initiative to raise funds for child-headed households in the Eldoret region. One strategy is to have an art auction – people vote with spare change at Starbucks/ Barnes and Noble on various art designs submitted by Herron students.
6. Planning for the Reconciliation symposium continues. Vincent Mutai of the Moi U. Law School, has established a number of committees to oversee program development, logistics, publicity, and so on. The call for papers has been extended until March 23 – Ian McIntosh
7. For those wishing to attend the Reconciliation Symposium in May 2009, Kelly Campbell of the Village Experience has developed an itinerary for Indianapolis community members who are attending (including Rotary, Church groups etc). This itinerary covers a number of major sites in Kenya, and visits to NGOs, orphanages - Carole Darst
8. The IUPUI chapter of Ambassadors for Children continues with plans for the construction of an orphanage/school in a rural area in western Kenya that will have a library/clinic. In a Habitat-style project, volunteers from around the USA will construct the building in July 09. They are also exploring the idea of a campus-wide drive for books, computers, and other supplies – Michael Owino.