WMU Faculty Senate
International Education Council (IEC)
Charges for 2017-18

William Rantz will serve as the Faculty Senate Executive Board representative on IEC

In addition to its specific responsibilities listed in the International Education Council’s role statement and the work of subcommittees if such exist, the Faculty Senate Executive Board charges the IEC to consider, as a committee of the whole or through the appropriate subcommittee or task force, the following issues:

1. Review the scope and description of the council’s role statement and assess the effectiveness of the council’s practices. Address any continuing or outstanding issues or initiatives as directed by the Faculty Senate Executive Board.

2. Collaborate with the Ad Hoc General Education Design Committee in examination of general education curriculum specifically in regard to assessment of how well the program prepares students for a global future. Make recommendations for possible general education enhancements related to this issue.

3. Explore mechanisms that may encourage faculty to develop and/or participate in bringing global perspectives to their own areas of teaching and research; recommend and provide avenues of support as needed. Explore ways to increase faculty engagement in international research and internationalization of the curriculum. Explore new programs to reach faculty members. Include diversity and inclusion when relevant to these initiatives.

4. Review the processes related to WMU students who study abroad, including review of students who started the study abroad process but did not ultimately study abroad, and develop a report recommending changes that will increase study abroad enrollments. Review the processes of approval of study abroad courses and make recommendations that will promote quality oversight of these programs.

5. Review the process related to retention and integration of international students who study at WMU. Develop a report recommending changes and strategies that will promote internationalization of student services.

6. Review the process for transferring credits and grades from study abroad programs. Determine if grades should be transferred or if courses should be for credit/no credit.

NOTE: The IEC will seek information from the Haenicke Institute for Global Education (HIGE) to maintain communications with that office on issues directly related to it. Council recommendations are to be submitted to the Executive Board in the form of a report (see the template for preparing reports included in the Faculty Senate Council/Committee Chair Handbook). After review, the Executive Board may invite the council to initiate a memorandum of action (MOA) on which the recommendation(s) is/are stated. Any draft MOAs requested by the Executive Board should be submitted using the DRAFT MOA template included in the Faculty Senate Council/Committee Chair Handbook.

The IEC chairperson shall provide a written summary of the council’s progress for the year; list the above charges noting each item’s progress and current status; any other activities undertaken; and draft charges for the 2018-19 academic year, no later than June 30, 2018.