

**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE**

**CENTERS & INSTITUTES COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes of 10 January 2018
Bernhard Center – Room 205**

Members Present: Sisay Asefa, Massood Atashbar, Charles Henderson, Stephen Magura, David Rudge, Carol Sundberg, Steve Ziebarth

Members Absent: John Kapenga, Randy Ott

Ex Officio Member Present: Osama Abudayyeh

Advisory Member Present: Sherine Obare

Advisory Member Absent: Jody Brylinsky

Guest: Carla Koretsky, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

The meeting was called to order by Chair Pro tempore Abudayyeh at 10:30 a.m.

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

Acceptance of the Agenda

A motion was made by Asefa, seconded by Ziebarth, to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of 5 December 2017 Minutes

A motion was made by Ziebarth, seconded by Asefa, to approve the 5 December minutes as presented. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS

CAS Institute for Intercultural and Anthropological Studies Proposal

Dean Carla Koretsky was invited to present the CAS proposal. She described the rationale for the proposed Institute, which is primarily to support existing and proposed interdisciplinary programs in the College, in particular the African American and Africana Studies Major and Minor; Anthropology Major and Minor and the proposed program in Latino/Latin American Studies. The institute model would provide a fluid structure to make use of faculty expertise currently spread across the College. Faculty could teach programs in their areas of expertise by teaching through the Institute. Finding faculty to teach courses in the Institute is not anticipated to be a problem. Whereas departments are typically oriented around a single discipline, the Institute would support interdisciplinary/intercultural programs. Faculty could have joint appointments, or be tenured through the Institute. A director will be hired and an advisory board created for the Institute. There has been wide spread support throughout the College as evidenced by the letters of support received by the C&I committee.

A motion was made by Sisay, seconded by Rudge, to recommend to the Faculty Senate Executive Board the establishment of an Institute of Intercultural and Anthropological Studies. Motion carried.

INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

HCoB Sanford Center for Financial Planning and Wellness Proposal

A proposal from the Haworth College of Business was received and the committee agreed it met the Centers and Institutes established criteria. The Center is financially supported by a significant endowment and its future sustainability should be secured for some time.

A motion was made by Sisay, seconded by Ziebarth, to recommend to the Faculty Senate Executive Board the establishment of the Sanford Center for Financial Planning and Wellness. Motion carried.

OTHER

The February meeting will be held on February 6 at 1:00 p.m. pending items of business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:14 a.m. by Chair Pro tempore Abudayyeh.

Submitted by: Carol Sundberg, Secretary