

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION COUNCIL
Minutes of Thursday, 18 March 2010, 3 p.m.
Faculty Lounge, Bernhard Center

Members present: Sheila Bair, Maira Bundza, Robert Dlouhy, Willem Homan, Jue Guo (for Stephen Covell), Wei-Chiao Huang (for Sisay Asefa), Lydia King, Andrew Kline (for Said AbuBakr), Mary Lagerwey, Mushtaq Luqmani, Donald McCloud, Dini Metro-Roland, Lygia Mueller, Silvia Rossbach (for Stephen Malcolm), Bill Woods. **Members absent:** William Davis, Yvette Hyter. **Also present:** Lee Balcom, doctoral associate, Michelle Metro-Roland, Haenicke Institute for Global Education.

Procedural Items

Welcoming Remarks and Introductions

Bundza called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m., welcomed council members, guests, and introduced Jue Guo from comparative religion and Andrew (Andy) Kline from paper engineering, chemical engineering, and imaging.

Acceptance of the Agenda

Lagerwey moved, seconded by Homan, that the agenda be approved with the inclusion of the International Education and Faculty Development Fund as the first discussion point. Motion passed.

Approval of the Minutes

Luqmani moved, seconded by Bair, to approve the minutes of the 18 February meeting. Motion passed.

Informational Items

Chair's Report – Maira Bundza

Bundza reported that she and Lee Balcom have completed the American Council on Education (ACE) Internationalization Laboratory Report and sent it to the peer review team.

Haenicke Institute for Global Education Report – Donald McCloud

Dean McCloud reported that apologies have been made for the sudden suspension of planning for 2011 faculty-led study abroad programs. He explained that the root of the problem is a University policy requiring three dollars of tuition revenue for every dollar spent on faculty salaries during the summer I and II sessions. Decisions on course offerings and salary allocations are made at the

departmental level and have a great effect on faculty-led study abroad programs. The Haenicke Institute has little influence on the allocation process. McCloud suggested that department chairs might work with their deans on these allocations, and long-term planning is needed. He added that the Haenicke Institute itself should be more aggressive in recruiting students for these programs.

Dean McCloud reported that the institute staff members have been extremely busy this semester. Many senior staff members have been on lengthy recruiting trips and spent substantial time on incidents with international and study abroad students. As a result, processing of international admission applications and servicing Fulbright grants has slowed. With the changes in staff priorities set by the administration, the institute is asking how it can complete all of its tasks efficiently without extra staff.

College of Engineering and Applied Sciences International Education Committee Report – Andrew Kline

Kline, who is the secretary of the CEAS International Education Committee, reported that they met recently and reviewed their global education plan. Hong Kong and Paderborn engineering tour programs have been canceled due to lack of critical mass to make them feasible. Said AbuBakr has gone to Germany to sign a student exchange program with Technical University Dresden. The committee reviewed 2011 activities that may include engineering tours to China, TU Dresden and others.

Other

Lygia Mueller reminded the council about the International Festival taking place on Sunday, 21 March, in the ballroom of the Bernhard Student Center.

Maira Bundza informed the council of two trial subscriptions to online self-study language-learning Web sites offered through the University Libraries and asked IEC members to take a look at these and send feedback. If there is no interest, the library will not purchase these.

Discussion/Action Items

International Education Faculty Development Fund – Michelle Metro-Roland

Michelle Metro-Roland shared the slightly modified policy of the International Education Faculty Development Fund (IEFDF):

Applications are accepted for travel and projects within the next 12 months. The IEFDF committee meets twice a year on November 1st and April 1st. If your travel occurs after the deadline, applications will be accepted throughout the year for consideration at the next deadline, but these should be submitted before travel (e.g. if a conference opportunity arose in May, after the spring deadline, the applicant should submit a proposal to be considered retroactively in November, but prior to actually traveling in May.) Retroactive applications are not guaranteed.

Lagerwey suggested that this be announced through the Faculty Senate Office. The IEFDF review committee needs one more member from the IEC for the April meeting, while Steve Covell is out of the country. Wei-Chiao Huang volunteered.

ACE International Laboratory Peer Review Visit

The IEC recognized and thanked Chair Maira Bundza for her leadership and work in carrying out ACE Internationalization Laboratory project and preparing the report.

Lee Balcom handed out the latest draft of the report and reported that it is accessible on the ACE Lab page on the HIGE Web site: <http://international.wmich.edu/content/view/1385/165>. Bundza remarked that a shorter final edition of the report will be prepared after the peer review team submits their report. She hopes input from the team will generate future working points or Faculty Senate charges for the IEC.

Final itineraries for the ACE Lab peer review visit were handed out. The peer review team will arrive Sunday, 21 March, and leave Tuesday afternoon. IEC members and the working groups will be meeting with the peer review team Monday, 22 March from 9-10:30 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Dlouhy, IEC Secretary