

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION COUNCIL
Minutes of Thursday, 15 April 2010, 3 p.m.
Faculty Lounge, Bernhard Center

Members present: Ala Al-Fuqaha (for Said AbuBakr), Sheila Bair, Robert Dlouhy, Wei-Chiao Huang (for Sisay Asefa), Lydia King, Mary Lagerwey, Donald McCloud, Lygia Mueller, Zahir Quraeshi (for Mushtaq Luqmani), Silvia Rossbach (for Stephen Malcolm), Gil Sinclair (for Willem Homan), Bill Woods. **Members absent:** Steve Covell, Yvette Hyter, Dini Metro-Roland. **Also present:** Kaitlyn Carr, International Student Admission and Recruiting Counselor, Haenicke Institute for Global Education; Jane Blyth Warren, assistant to the dean, Study Abroad/Global Development, HIGE; Laura Citino, Meghan Dykema, and Patrick Love, Writing Center.

Procedural Items

Welcoming Remarks and Introductions

Bundza called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m., welcomed council members, and introduced Ala Al-Fuqaha from computer science and Zahir Quraeshi from marketing.

Acceptance of the Agenda

Lagerwey moved, seconded by Huang, that the agenda be accepted. Motion passed.

Approval of the Minutes

Rossbach moved, seconded by Bair, to approve the minutes of the 18 March meeting. Motion passed.

Informational Items

Chair's Report – Maira Bundza

Bundza reported that she had received a message from Barbara Hill of the American Council on Education that the ACE International Laboratory Peer Review report would be ready the week of 19 April. The report will be discussed at the June IEC meeting.

Haenicke Institute for Global Education Report – Donald McCloud

Dean McCloud reported that the Haenicke Institute remains busy, particularly with recruiting in China, Korea, and Malaysia. International enrollment numbers look strong for fall 2010. In addition, HIGE is working on a twinning agreement with Anadolu University in Turkey. McCloud reported that the risk management group will meet to assess the safety of study abroad sites in Thailand and Mexico.

Western Around the World – Kaitlyn Carr

Dean McCloud introduced Kaitlyn Carr, International Student Admission and Recruiting Counselor, who has entered data into the new Western Around the World online database. The Web site has an interactive map that marks each country with which Western has a connection. Clicking on the map or on the name of a country from a list presents information about Western's connections to that country. This includes the number of international and study abroad students since 2005, any centers at WMU relating to the country, all partnerships with WMU, study abroad programs, and faculty with expertise or connections to the country. Part of Carr's job is to acquire, organize, and update the information on international projects at the University. The IEC could be instrumental in facilitating faculty participation in this database. This site will be a valuable resource to the University community, keeping faculty and students informed about what Western is doing around the world.

Haworth College of Business International Committee – Zahir Quraeshi

Zack Quraeshi reported that the Haworth College of Business received a competitive grant for Project EDGE: Enhancing and Developing Global Expertise from the U.S. Department of Education Business and International Education Program. In addition, the Global Business Center has just opened in Schneider Hall sharing an office with the MBA program. The GBC is a clearing house that will initiate and facilitate international activities, coordinating them with HCOB, HIGE and the community. Quraeshi mentioned that the business college has many faculty exchanges and residency programs. Countries involved include Germany, Czech Republic, Malaysia, France, Pakistan, and Nepal, among others. The HCOB Global Lecture Series continues to draw large audiences to hear distinguished international business speakers.

College of Aviation – Gil Sinclair

Gil Sinclair, Chair of Aviation Sciences, reported that the College of Aviation has students from Egerton University, Kenya in its aviation maintenance program. Arrangements are being made with a Nigerian corporation to send students here, and Sunway College, Malaysia, is also interested in developing a program. A community college in Spokane, WA works with a university in China that is interested in aviation programs. This community college has contacted Western's College of Aviation about the possibility of establishing a trans-national program. Sinclair concluded by mentioning that the College of Aviation has 36 international students out of a total of 640 students. One faculty member is doing internationally-related research on security.

Writing Center Students at European Writing Centers Association Conference

Three student tutors from the Writing Center, Laura Citino, Meghan Dykema, and Patrick Love talked to the council about finding sources of funding to present at the European Writing Centers Conference in May in Paris. Nine students have had their presentations accepted for the conference, but they are approximately 20 percent short of the amount of funds needed for the conference. The Haenicke Institute has already provided some support. Members of the council made some suggestions of possible sources and fundraising activities.

Other

Bundza and Bair reported that Waldo Library has received the first set of materials from the Confucius Institute and has set up a special area for the collection on the lower level of Waldo Library. Most of the materials relate to teaching Chinese language and culture, but include a number of reference books. Approximately 3,000 items have been received this year, and more are expected next year. This will greatly enhance the library's Chinese collection.

Discussion/Action Items

ACE International Laboratory

Bundza expressed concern about implementing the recommendations from the ACE International Laboratory process next year. She would like to start acting on the recommendations next fall. In order to do this, she suggests that a discussion of the report's recommendations be continued over the summer sessions.

Study Abroad – Jane Blyth Warren

Warren introduced an article from *The Chronicle of Higher Education* about changing trends in study abroad. The trend is to integrate the study abroad experience into the curriculum, with less emphasis on "educational tourism." The study abroad office at HIGE is in the process of drawing up new principles and guidelines for study abroad. These guidelines will cover the expansion, evaluation, destinations, types, and foci of programs. The overall goals for study abroad programs are that they be sustainable, meet students' educational requirements, engage students with residents of the countries they visit, and increase students' understanding of globalization and internationalization.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Dlouhy, IEC Secretary