

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY SENATE

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION COUNCIL  
Minutes of Thursday, 15 September 2016, 3 p.m.  
Room 4550 Sangren Hall

**Members present:** Eric Archer, Maira Bundza, Alexander Cannon, Stephen Covell, Robert Dlouhy, Vladimir Risukhin (for Willem Homan), Mary Lagerwey, Michelle Metro-Roland, Ann Miles, Steve Newell, Jun Oh, Natalio Ohanna, Yogesh Suryawanshi, Bret Wagner

**Members absent:** Moritz Cherubin, Michael Millar, Wolfgang Schlör

**Guests:** Suzan F. Ayers, Faculty Senate President, Lee Penyak, Director, Study Abroad

**Procedural Items**

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m. by Chair Ann Miles.

*Acceptance of the Agenda*

Newell moved, seconded by Wagner, to accept the agenda. Motion passed.

*Approval of the Minutes*

A motion was made by Dlouhy, supported by Covell, to accept the minutes from the 19 May 2016 meeting with a modification to include Metro-Roland as present. Motion passed.

**Discussion/Action Items**

*2016-17 Council Charges – Suzan F. Ayers, Faculty Senate President*

Miles introduced Ayers to discuss Faculty Senate charges. She explained the council negotiates with the Faculty Senate Executive Board to agree on charges. The chair provides a year-end report to the Executive Board, discussing how agreed upon charges were accomplished. Wagner is the Executive Board representative to IEC. Lagerwey inquired about previous memoranda of action and Miles clarified that the initiative and award have been approved.

Ayers discussed the General Education charge to examine the international component. Miles asked about the timetable for the Ad Hoc committee to complete work. Ayers stated April was the deadline. Lagerwey asked how collaboration with the Ad Hoc committee will work. Ayers suggested reaching out to the chair and vice chair of the Ad Hoc committee to attend IEC committee for input.

Suryawanshi asked a question concerning work from prior years on current charge #3. Specifically, how to encourage faculty to work together. Wagner stated that he believes this year charge #3 can help to address such strategies.

*President Search*

Miles asked that President Search be moved to discussion item #2 to have Ayers comment while in attendance. Council members discussed make-up of search committee and concerns about lack of international connections. Ayers clarified that the Board of Trustees made selections of committee members. Ayers also clarified that it is the BOT charge specifically to hire the president. The BOT does not have to include representation but chose to do so. Ayers stated that although a particular unit may not be represented, such as the Haenicke Institute for Global Education, members of the committee serve in multiple roles across campus. After discussion Covell suggested Miles submit a statement to the search committee from IEC.

The council discussed suggested language of IEC statement to search committee. Discussion included looking at selection rubrics, taking into account various levels of selection, borrowing language from other searches, requiring a research doctorate and/or multiple-language experience and clarifying the term "global engagement."

Miles agreed to draft a statement and send out to IEC for feedback in order to provide to search committee by their next meeting on Wednesday, September 21, 2016.

*Study Abroad – Lee Penyak, Director, Study Abroad*

Miles requested that guest, Lee Penyak, be moved to third position on agenda. Penyak stated that goals for study abroad are related to numbers, fairness, and culture, including increasing underrepresented students in study abroad opportunities. Penyak provided multiple statistics about WMUs student and faculty participation in study abroad. Most are short-term summer programs. Newell asked if that report can be sent to IEC members.

Ohanna asked why short-term programs are more popular. Penyak suggested it might be because of vertical curriculums that make it less easy for long-term study abroad. Risk management issues also have played into growth of short-term vs long-term. Covell suggested previous long-term programs were about apprenticeship and now short-term are educational but also focused on tourism. Goals for students perhaps have shifted. Penyak also mentioned meeting with Extended University Programs and they suggested that short-term programs can be provided to engage a more diverse group of students.

Penyak discussed creating a culture on campus where undergraduates will study abroad and he discussed the upcoming Study Abroad Fair (September 28, 2016). Cannon asked Penyak what he sees as the greatest challenge to improving study abroad – three concerns are 1) more students; 2) more faculty to lead; 3) advising

capacity. Penyak stated that his office is looking for various universities with programs that could provide opportunities for WMU students to study abroad (with authorization from department heads). Challenge is the specificity of some departments/programs. Finance is a factor. Also, first-generation and underrepresented students often feel like study abroad is not for them. Newell stated that a program needs a faculty champion and the support of the college/department. Covell also stated that future programs can benefit from student support and word-of-mouth.

Newell agreed to lead the study abroad working group to address charge #4. The Study Abroad working group includes Lee Penyak, Corey Force, Steve Newell, and Steve Covell.

#### *Working Groups Updates and Plans*

International Student Initiative – Michelle Metro-Roland  
No Report. Group has not met – tabled for next meeting.

Internationalizing Research – Mary Lagerwey  
Lagerwey provided a handout with information on the joint working group with members of the Research Policies Council. In its discussion, the group was unclear about where to go for information concerning international research. Mostly they rely on HIGE, as there is not much support from the Office of the Vice President for Research. They discussed the role of IEC in international research. Miles suggested that the group discuss issues around T&P related to global engagement.

Marketing and Advising – Steve Newell  
No report. Miles stated she will work to revisit charges for this working group.

#### *Workshop*

#### **Informational Items**

#### *Chair's Report – Ann Miles*

Pending MOAs, MOA-15/09 The Adoption of a University-Wide Internationalization Initiative, and MOA-15/03 Creation of a University-Wide Faculty Award for Global Engagement, have been signed by President John Dunn. Language changes made in May were approved. Study abroad repeat credit MOA is going forward in October. Wagner volunteered to present the MOA at the Faculty Senate meeting in October. Tim Greene, provost and vice president for academic affairs, will attend the next IEC meeting. Miles previously discussed with the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences the issue of making global engagement a consideration in hiring practices. Wagner suggested creating a statement that would have standard language. Miles stated that this should be clarified at the college level.

#### *Haenicke Institute for Global Education Report – Michelle Metro-Roland*

The International Student Orientation and Registration Program (ISORP) was attended by 445 international student participants. An update was provided on conference activities and international travel by HIGE staff. Information was provided on international student activities going on in HIGE and in the Center for English Language and Culture for International Students (CELCIS).

#### **Other**

Bundza – president of Latvia will be here on October 23.

The meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Eric Archer  
IEC Secretary