

**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY SENATE  
International Education Council  
Minutes of October 20, 2016**

**Members Present:** Stephen Covell, Moritz Cherubin, Joan Conway (for Robert Dlouhy at the start of the meeting), Dae Seok Chai (for Eric Archer), Robert Dlouhy, Mary Lagerwey, Michelle Metro-Roland, Ann Miles, Steve Newell, Jun-Seok Oh, Natalio Ohanna, Wolfgang Schlör, Yogesh Suryawanshi  
**Members Absent:** Alexander Cannon, Maira Bundza, Michael Millar, Bret Wagner, Willem Homan  
**Guest:** Timothy Greene, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m. by Chair Ann Miles.

**PROCEDURAL ITEMS**

*Acceptance of the Agenda*

A motion was made by Newell, seconded by Covell, to approve the agenda. Motion carried. Under a friendly amendment later, Metro-Roland amended the agenda. Under *Working Group Updates and Plans*, International Student Initiative should read International Student Inclusion.

*Approval of the Minutes*

A motion was made by Covell, seconded by Lagerwey, to approve the minutes of September 15. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION / INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

*Provost's Remarks*

Tim Greene discussed the WMU presidential search, General Education changes and the importance of global learning outcomes, and strategies to increase study abroad by all at WMU by "advocating a globalization of our students and the curriculum." The provost reported that College of Arts and Sciences Dean Carla Koretsky presented to the Provost's Council a template for "preferred criteria for hiring" that included global engagement, and asked the council to send a list of names (faculty and staff) of potential members of the Global Engagement Award Committee.

*Global Engagement Award*

Schlör led the discussion on the current state of awarding the first Global Engagement Award. Changes to the *Call for Nominations* document were approved - note 4d "other letters of support" should read "up to three letters of support (from both inside or outside the University)". The rest of the original statement in 4d, should be moved to a separate section of the document.

*Study Abroad Working Group*

Covell explained that the group would work on two main tasks. First, they would work to develop a survey to better understand the process and constraints of students considering study abroad opportunities. Second, they would develop a proposal to create a series of General Education placeholder course numbers (INTL 2000 or 3000) for faculty to use to make things much easier and more readily get General Education credits.

*International Student Inclusion*

Metro-Roland explained the initiatives of the International Student Inclusion Committee. Overall, the committee's major objective is to help to improve the experiences of international students while at WMU. They would like to have one more member of the group.

*Guests Invited to IEC*

Miles led the discussion to get suggestions as to who the council should invite to future meetings. Terrence Curran, associate provost for enrollment management, will be invited, as well as representatives from the Ad Hoc General Education Design Committee. Miles asked that additional names be sent to her.

*Workshop*

There was open discussion on the possibility of developing a workshop with a global component in the coming year. It was suggested that IEC may consider working with the Office of Faculty Development to create a co-sponsored event/workshop. Miles and Schlör agreed to work on this initiative.

*Announcements/Chair's Remarks*

Miles discussed a number of issues including the following:

- Memorandum of Action-16/09 Repeating a WMU Course for Credit in Study Abroad, was approved by the Faculty Senate,
- an update on the letter from IEC to the Presidential Search Committee on expectations of presidential candidates in term of their global experience and perspectives,
- the new policy that agendas need to go to the Faculty Senate office two weeks in advance of a meeting and
- that abstentions are considered a "no" vote.

*Haenicke Institute for Global Education Report*

Schlör discussed the following:

- success of the Fall Study Abroad Fair – held outside for the first time (250% increase in attendance from previous year),
- the opening of Bronco's Global Lounge in the basement of the Bernhard Center,
- the Vietnamese Heritage Community Engagement proposal submitted to the U.S. Department of Education was accepted and a delegation from Vietnam is currently at WMU,
- Dominican Republic Trip by HIGE to meet with the Ministry of Higher Education was a success,
- trip to Thailand with President John Dunn and
- new marketing specialist hired at HIGE.

**OTHER**

There were no other announcements.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5 p.m. by Miles.

Steve Newell, Acting Secretary