

**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE**

**INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION COUNCIL
Minutes of November 17, 2016**

Members Present: Maira Bundza, Alexander Cannon, Moritz Cherubin, Stephen Covell, Robert Dlouhy, Mary Lagerwey, Michelle Metro-Roland, Ann Miles, Michael Millar, Steve Newell, Jun-Seok Oh, Wolfgang Schlör, Yogesh Suryawanshi, Bret Wagner.

Members Absent: Eric Archer, Willem Homan, Natalio Ohanna.

Guests: Molly Lynde-Recchia and Staci Perryman-Clark, Ad Hoc General Education Design Committee.

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

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

Acceptance of the Agenda

A motion was made by Bundza, seconded by Schlör, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made by Covell, seconded by Newell, to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2016 meeting. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION / INFORMATION ITEMS

General Education

Lynde-Recchia and Perryman-Clark explained what the Ad Hoc General Education Design Committee has developed so far and answered questions from council members. There is an opportunity to incorporate global education goals with those of general education. Global issues can be taught in many of the sections of the evolving general education design, but there is only one with a mandatory global focus – one of the big issue or question courses under challenges is to be globally focused. The council's recommendations:

- Build in global themes at the foundational level
- Take out the U.S./global dichotomy under challenge courses
- Provide infrastructure for team teaching
- Study abroad is not equal to language acquisition
- Add "history and society" in the challenge courses.

International Education Faculty Development Fund Report

Metro-Roland handed out the final summary report for IEFDF 2015-16 and passed around the final reports of the participants. Last year they did not go over their \$40,000 budget.

Workshop

Schlör reported on grants to units to develop global learning outcomes at a college or departmental level that align with the university global learning outcomes. It looks like there will be funding through the Office of Faculty Development for this and the kick-off for the learning communities will include an outside speaker. This will start in fall 2017. The College of Arts and Sciences is working on learning communities, especially in the sciences.

Haenicke Institute for Global Education Report

Schlör reported on recruitment trips, international alumni and delegations. HIGE is working on short-term housing for visiting scholars. They have accepted 181 passport applications so far. A new Study Abroad specialist has been hired. Schlör sent out a message of support to international students after the elections.

IEC/Research Policies Council Working Group Update

Lagerwey has met with her working group and they are working on a survey to gather information on international collaborations. Metro-Roland is listed as the global research expert in OVRP. There is a university-wide Digital PAR committee that will recommend software to use to gather information, that could include international collaborations and research.

IEC Chair's Report

Miles reported on encouraging progress in getting our voice in the University's presidential search. Five IEC members met with three members of the search firm to discuss characteristics of an ideal university president. Metro-Roland gave them information with definitions. Miles has also sent emails and met with two from the presidential search committee.

Dave Reinhold, associate provost for assessment and undergraduate studies, has said that this year the National Survey of Student Engagement will include six standardized questions on global learning. Results will be available in April or May.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Miles at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Maira Bundza.