

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION COUNCIL
Minutes of Thursday, 8 December 2016, 3 p.m.
Room 4550 Sangren Hall

Members present: Maira Bundza, Alexander Cannon, Steve Covell, Moritz Cherubin, Robert Dlouhy, Mary Lagerwey, Michelle Metro-Roland, Ann Miles, Steve Newell, Natalio Ohanna, Yogesh Suryawanshi, Bret Wagner.

Members absent: Eric Archer, Willem Homen, Michael Millar, Jun-Seok Oh, Wolfgang Schlör.

Procedural Items

Acceptance of the Agenda

Newell moved, seconded by Lagerwey, to approve the agenda with the addition of items on the Committee on University Strategic Planning and a Memorandum of Action on Study Abroad. Motion passed.

Approval of the Minutes

Covell moved, seconded by Newell, that the minutes of the 17 November 2016 meeting be approved. Motion passed.

Discussion/Action Items

Study Abroad Survey – Newell

Newell reported on plans for a new survey on study abroad that will investigate attitudes of students toward study abroad programs. The purpose of the study is to improve marketing of study abroad, and it will be aimed at students who have not had a study abroad experience as well as students who have studied abroad. It serves as a follow-up to a 2011 study done by Jane Blyth and Ann Veeck. Council members discussed getting Human Subjects Institutional Review Board clearance, motivating students to take the survey, and shortening its length.

Committee on University Strategic Planning -- Wagner

Wagner reported the Committee on University Strategic Planning (CUSP) seeks a representative from the IEC. Bundza moved, seconded by Newell, that Steve Covell be the representative to the Committee on University Strategic Planning. Motion passed.

MOA-16/09 Repeating a WMU Course for Credit in Study Abroad – Wagner

Wagner reported that MOA-16/09, proposing a policy to allow students to replace failing grades, has run into difficulty. The proposed policy would allow replacing failing grades from courses taken during study abroad by repeating the course here or substituting a grade of a similar course. This can be done for general studies courses but not for courses that count for credit in a student's major or minor. This difficulty must be solved before the policy can be put into effect.

College International Committees – Miles

Miles initiated a discussion on making college international committees more useful and effective. One suggestion made during the discussion was to have a representative from the Haenicke Institute for Global Education be present at

meetings. Miles suggested reviewing the mission statements of the college committees, and asked council members to bring statements to the January meeting.

Information Items

Haenicke Institute for Global Education – Michelle Metro-Roland

Dr. Wolfgang Schlör and President John Dunn were in India visiting longstanding partners Christ University and Rajagiri College. Dr. Dunn presented the Rajagiri Pursuit of Excellence Lecture at Rajagiri.

Provost Tim Greene will travel to Beijing to represent WMU in the "defense" of the joint GUFU-WMU institute proposal before the Chinese Ministry of Education.

HIGE will host a webinar presented by the American Council on Education entitled "Innovative Strategies for International Student Enrollment and Success" on December 13, from 2 to 3 p.m. in 2720 Sangren Hall.

Vice President Mou Degang of Wenzhou University and his three colleagues, the Dean of College of Humanities, the Deputy Dean of College of Teacher Education, and a Professor of College of Life and Environmental Science, visited WMU on November 21. They met with President Dunn, Provost Greene, and Captain Dave Powell, Dean, College of Aviation. They also had a meeting with Dr. Carla Koretsky, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences; Dr. Chris Cheatham, Associate Dean, College of Education and Human Development; Dr. Schloer and Dr. Ying Zeng, HIGE. In addition to the possible cooperation with our College of Aviation, they are interested in expanding the cooperation to other colleges.

HIGE now has 36 faculty-run, short term programs that are scheduled to run during AY 2016-17, its most ever.

HIGE has 27 exchange partners, including three new ones: Kyung Hee (South Korea), Ewha Woman's (sic) University (South Korea), and Hong Kong Baptist (China).

WMU hired a new Study Abroad specialist last month, Ms. Sarah Reid, from North Texas University, where she worked for two years as a SA specialist.

Ms. Korey Force has accepted a new position in HIGE, and SA is currently conducting a search for a new outreach coordinator to take Korey's place.

Other -- Alexander Cannon

Cannon reported a meeting with Bundza and the Minister of Culture of Latvia to plan a Latvian music and art event for Latvia's centennial in 2018 at WMU.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert J. Dlouhy
Substitute Secretary