

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY SENATE

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION COUNCIL  
Minutes of Thursday, 19 January 2017, 3 p.m.  
Room 4550 Sangren Hall

**Members present:** Eric Archer, Maira Bundza, Alexander Cannon, Stephen Covell, Robert Dlouhy, Mary Lagerwey, Michelle Metro-Roland, Ann Miles, Jun-Seok Oh, Wolfgang Schlör, Yogesh Suryawanshi.

**Members absent:** Moritz Cherubin, Wilem Homan, Michael Millar, Steve Newell, Natalio Ohanna, Bret Wagner

**Guest:** Zahir Quraeshi, Department of Marketing

**Procedural Items**

*Acceptance of the Agenda*

Covell moved, seconded by Dlouhy, to approve the agenda with the addition of several items including proposal to evaluate internationalization at WMU; foreign language requirement for general education revisions; discussion of Sherine Obare visit at March 2017 meeting; addition of visitor Zahir Quareshi from Haworth College of Business; discussion of Terry Curran visit at February 2017 meeting; discussion of Haenicke Institute for Global Education associate provost search. Motion passed.

*Approval of the Minutes*

Dlouhy moved, seconded by Covell, that the minutes of the 8 December 2016 meeting be approved. Motion passed.

**Discussion/Action Items**

*Haenicke Institute for Global Education Marketing – Guest Korey Force*  
No report due to illness of guest.

*Study Abroad Survey – Newell*  
No report due to absence.

*College International Committees – Lagerwey and Newell*  
No report.

*Evaluation Proposal for Internationalizing Higher Education – Metro-Roland*  
There was discussion of a proposal received by Educational Leadership, Research and Technology faculty member Gary Miron to have a spring 2017 class do an evaluation of WMU's global initiatives. Miles asked what IEC would need to provide. Metro-Roland stated that students developing the proposal might want to meet with members of IEC to discuss evaluation. Covell suggested that group attend the next IEC meeting for discussion. Metro-Roland suggested a standing committee could look at this project. Schlör expressed concern that various departments on campus tasked with global engagement might not have

time to devote to group on short notice. Miles expressed concern about the project for spring 2017 and suggested the class look at this project for the future. Dlouhy suggested that perhaps the group could work with the Center for English Language and Culture for International Students. Metro-Roland will follow up with Miron to relay IEC discussions.

*Discussion of General Education Foreign Language Requirement – Dlouhy*  
Dlouhy shared upcoming revisions to General Education requirements that would mandate CELCIS students to take foreign language as part of their undergraduate studies. He suggested some special considerations be made for these students to not have to complete these foreign language requirements as they are already fluent in one or more native languages and are studying English through their enrollment with CELCIS. Miles recommended strategies to communicate this concern – individual posting for online comments of general education review; CELCIS approaching the Ad Hoc General Education Design Committee on this as a unit; and whether IEC should be involved in discussions with the general education committee.

Covell expressed general comments concerning development versus implementation of the general education model. Several other IEC members discussed their thoughts related to global awareness in the general education model. IEC will draft a letter to the general education committee to express thoughts.

*Discussion of 16 March 2017 Guest (Sherine Obare) – Miles*

Miles asked IEC to consider items for discussion with 16 March 2017 guest Sherine Obare, associate vice president for research. Bundza asked for statistics on international research. Lagerwey asked what is available to support international research and how can faculty find comprehensive resources. Schlör mentioned legal issues around international research (collaborations, regulations).

*Global Engagement Efforts in Haworth College of Business – Zahir Quareshi*  
Zahir Quraeshi updated the council on global engagement initiatives in the Haworth College of Business and provided a report to IEC members on what has been effective in his college.

*Discussion of 16 February 2017 Guest (Terry Curran) – Miles*

Bundza asked what Terrence Curran, associate provost for enrollment management, would be interested in knowing from the council. Miles suggested discussing initiatives of the IEC. Miles asked if Bundza would lead discussion of WMU online web resources regarding internationalization. Metro-Roland suggested highlighting the number of awards (Fulbright, etc.) to advertise when recruiting domestic undergraduate students.

**Information Items**

*Chair's Report – Miles*

Discussed updates of WMU Presidential Search.

*Haenicke Institute for Global Education – Wolfgang Schlör*

Schlör reported on various international dignitaries visiting including a representative from Indonesia and a visit by Iraqi cultural attaché from Washington, D.C. WMU hopes to develop various initiatives in supporting Iraqi programs. There are several WMU groups traveling to different countries to recruit international students and developing new partnerships with international universities. An example of a partnership in development is between a Chinese university partner and the WMU business school. Schlör also updated the IEC on the new director for the Confucius Institute and a new hire for the WMU Study Abroad Office. The new Bronco Global Lounge will have an open house on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Updates on International student enrollment – spring 2017: 1600 international students, down 26 students from last year. CELCIS – 109 students enrolled this spring 2017, lower than this time last year.

*HIGE Associate Provost Search – Miles*

Miles facilitated discussion of the associate provost search with IEC members.

The meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
D. Eric Archer  
IEC Secretary