

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION COUNCIL
Minutes of Thursday, 16 February 2017, 3 p.m.
Room 4550 Sangren Hall

Members present: Eric Archer, Maira Bundza, Scott Irelan (for Alexander Cannon), Stephen Covell, Joan Conway (for Robert Dlouhy), Michelle Metro-Roland, Ann Miles, Michael Millar, Stephen Newell, Jun-Seok Oh, Wolfgang Schlör, Yogesh Suryawanshi, Bret Wagner

Members absent: Moritz Cherubin, Willem Homan, Mary Lagerwey, Natalio Ohanna

Guest: Terry Curran, Associate Provost for Enrollment Management

Procedural Items

Acceptance of the Agenda

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

Approval of the Minutes

Newell moved, seconded by Wagner, that the minutes of the 19 January 2017 meeting be approved. Motion passed.

Discussion/Action Items

Enrollment Management and Global Engagement – Associate Provost Terry Curran

Miles asked to what extent university internationalization initiatives were attractive to prospective undergraduate students. Curran responded by discussing how recent changes (tuition adjustments, etc.) have helped to allow greater shift to out-of-state and international students. However, he stated recent focus on recruitment was of undergraduates in Michigan and in the immediate region. He discussed current enrollment management challenges and plans to raise the profile of the institution.

Faculty Development Funds – Metro-Roland

Metro-Roland discussed various opportunities for faculty global engagement through the Haenicke Institute for Global Education. Some of these opportunities include Council on International Educational Exchange workshops in summer 2017 as well as short-term faculty exchanges with WMU partner institutions abroad.

Request from Assessment Committee – Miles

Miles asked the council if it would like to have a representative on the University Assessment Steering Committee. IEC members agreed that it was not critical; however, interested members could approach the chair concerning service.

Study Abroad Working Group – Newell

Newell provided an overview of findings from the most recent WMU Study Abroad survey. The working group will continue to collaborate with the HIGE to develop future directions for use of data and additional surveys to explore challenges and support to promote study abroad participation on campus. Miles asked about the anticipated timeline for additional work. Newell stated he would work with the Haenicke Institute to develop a realistic timeline for completing additional projects.

Chair's Report – Miles

Miles reported on updates to Ad Hoc General Education Design Committee curriculum changes and the new draft proposal, which is uploaded on the Ad Hoc committee's website. Metro-Roland questioned alignment of terms between larger strategic initiatives of the University (global engagement) vs. General Education revisions (global perspective). Miles also clarified new proposed language requirements and if the Center for English Language and Culture for International Students graduates would be required to complete a language requirement.

Haenicke Institute for Global Education Report – Schlör

Lee Penyak, director of Study Abroad, will be visiting Sunway University in Malaysia with other university staff to explore possibilities of developing additional programs for WMU undergraduate students to pursue courses at that institution. Staff from the Haenicke Institute are currently traveling to WMU international partners to continue to develop partnerships. Schlör also discussed the impact of the recent executive order (and subsequent legal responses) of immigration of students from seven mentioned countries (in order) on the WMU campus community. He provided updates on new tuition model, which applies to international undergraduate (and out-of-state) students at the University.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
D. Eric Archer
IEC Secretary