

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY SENATE

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION COUNCIL  
Minutes of Thursday, May 18, 2017, 3 p.m.  
Room 4550 Sangren Hall

**Members present:** Eric Archer, Rebecca Solomon (for Jane Blyth), James Butterfield, Scott Irelan (for Alexander Cannon), Diane Riggs (for Stephen Covell), Robert Dlouhy, Betty Dennis (for Shannon McMorrow), Michelle Metro-Roland, Ann Miles, Maria Perez-Stable, Zahir Quraeshi, Bret Wagner

**Members absent:** Moritz Cherubin, Willem Homan, Jun-Seok Oh, Yogesh Suryawanshi

**Guest:** Fen Yu, Director of Institutional Research and Data Management

**Procedural Items**

*Acceptance of the Agenda*

Dlouhy moved to accept the May agenda; seconded by Butterfield. Motion carried.

*Approval of the Minutes*

Wagner moved to approve minutes from the 20 April 2017 meeting; seconded by Quraeshi. Motion carried.

**Discussion/Action Items**

*New Members*

Miles asked that new and current members introduce themselves.

*Electronic PARS and Global Engagement Data – Yu*

Yu discussed her previous experience with electronic faculty activity reports and what work she has been tasked to manage in this area in her role at WMU. Yu provided an overview of the review and ultimate selection of vendors to support electronic professional activity reports at WMU (Faculty180). She discussed how this system will help to standardize PARS across the institution as well as be flexible so that individual colleges can make adjustments to capture information necessary for accreditation purposes, etc.

Miles inquired as to how Faculty180 is able to capture information related to faculty global engagement initiatives. Yu responded that clarification is needed regarding the definition of global engagement and what types of projects constitute global engagement. Based on this, Yu stated that items could be added to the interface (such as checkboxes, etc.) to capture such information. Metro-Roland asked if “key word” searches are possible for terms such as “Fulbright”, etc. Yu responded that it would be better to include a specific, additional option to

include such information instead of relying on a key word search. Other members asked about logistics of entering data into the Faculty180 system. Miles suggested creating a section in the Faculty180 template for global engagement that would be standard across all colleges. Yu suggested thinking about what questions the council wants to ask about global engagement and then to work with her on recommended questions. Miles asked for members who were willing to work with her to develop possible questions related to global engagement. Dlouhy offered to assist.

Miles recounted possible questions to capture global engagement raised during the previous discussion:

- Courses with international content
- Conducted research in international settings
- What areas or regions of the world do you have expertise – training, teaching, research?
- Have you conducted collaborative research or teaching?
- What international research, training or teaching awards have you received?
- Faculty who have lead or participated in study abroad
- Service to international organizations.

*Faculty Development Initiative – Metro-Roland, Archer, and Miles*

Archer and Miles discussed ideas for an “internal conference” for WMU to promote issues of global engagement in fall 2017 and then to invite an external guest speaker to help kick off the formal faculty learning communities (FLC’s) around global engagement in spring 2018. Metro-Roland asked if the Haworth College of Business would be willing to help support logistics for an event. Quraeshi and Wagner stated that HCoB should be able to assist.

*Haenicke Institute for Global Education Report – Solomon (for Blyth)*

Four associate vice provost candidates were on campus for interviews. The Haenicke Institute is fielding calls from international students who are not eligible for new undergraduate tuition rates implemented for fall 2017. HIGE staff traveled to Washington, D.C. to meet with an Iraqi government delegation. WMU has the largest population of Iraqi graduate students in the country. HIGE has established an internal diversity group. HIGE has also sponsored photo and video shoots for graduating international students and study abroad alums. The Institute hosted two individuals from Swedish partner university and others from Azerbaijan. There are 41 new international students for summer I – admissions of new international students are currently up based on this time last year.

### *Election of New Officers – Miles*

Chair, vice chair and secretary positions are open for the 2017-18 academic year and need to be filled. Butterfield nominated Archer for the position of secretary. There were no other nominations; Archer was elected as secretary. Butterfield nominated himself for the position of vice chair. There were no other nominations; Butterfield was elected as vice chair. Archer nominated Miles for the position of chair. There were no other nominations; Miles was elected as chair.

### *Chair's Report and Discussion of IEC Charges from 2016-17 – Miles*

Miles reviewed 2016-17 charges to IEC with members of council.

- Butterfield suggested the first charge is a typical annual charge and should remain.
- On the second charge regarding General Education, Miles suggested modifying the charge to focus on implementation (as the council was successful in engaging with curriculum development).
- On third charge, some progress was made regarding Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE) funding and securing funds for faculty development in 2017-18. Butterfield suggested keeping this charge as a perennial charge for the council.
- The fourth charge needs to be pursued again during the 2017-18 academic year. Miles suggested waiting until fall 2017 to revisit the fourth charge to determine a working group that could address this task. Miles also suggested breaking apart the fourth task to address two different elements (study abroad enrollment and study abroad program oversight/quality).
- On the fifth charge there was consensus that there is a need to do more related to this charge.

### **Other**

Miles announced that there would be no June 2017 IEC meeting.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
D. Eric Archer  
IEC Secretary