

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION COUNCIL
Minutes of Thursday, 19 April 2018, 3 p.m.
Room 4550 Sangren Hall

Members present: D. Eric Archer, Jane Blyth (for Paulo Zagalo-Melo), Robert Dlouhy, Igor Fedotov, Jim Whittles (for Willem Homan), Shannon McMorrow, Ann Miles, Maria Perez-Stable, Duke Leingpibul, Jun-Seok Oh, William Rantz, Germán Zarate-Sandez (for Stephen Covell), Ayumi Shinoda

Members absent: James Butterfield, Michelle Metro-Roland

Guests: Korey Force, Senior Marketing Specialist, Haenicke Institute for Global Education; Sherine Obare, Associate Vice President for Research; Sue Steuer, Professor, University Libraries

Procedural Items

Acceptance of the Agenda

Perez-Stable moved to accept the April agenda; seconded by Dlouhy. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

Dlouhy moved to approve minutes from the 15 March 2018 meeting as corrected; seconded by McMorrow. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action Items

Research Update – Sherine Obare

Obare provided updates to the council regarding developing initiatives and policies related to international research within the Office of the Vice President for Research. Some efforts her unit has made are to clarify issues around export control, international students involved in research at WMU, and other local, state and federal rules around international research. In particular, Obare provided detailed information to the council on the development of new university guidelines on export control/international research procedures and the creation of a new professional position in OVPR, which will be responsible for coordinating export control and international research (Jim Center).

Obare also discussed efforts to better disseminate information related to research compliance by creating a program where one faculty member might serve as a liaison between his/her department or college and OVPR in order to share compliance information with other faculty. Rantz shared an experience of his own related to an international research and compliance issue to highlight the importance of disseminating information to faculty concerning research compliance. Miles asked Obare for details on how these faculty liaison positions will be implemented such as tracking how often faculty utilize these liaisons. Fedotov asked how these rules might apply to faculty like him who are in Fine Arts.

Obare also stated that she would like to attend an early fall 2018 IEC meeting to present the formalized export control/international research guidelines for feedback from the council.

Mapping Global Engagement Initiative – Sue Steuer

Steuer discussed her role in identifying how research is organized and visualized at WMU. To this end, her unit, Research Services in the WMU Libraries, is beta testing a “Put Your Research on the Map” database. This initiative will allow faculty to report the geographic scope of their research and to identify and connect to other faculty who may be conducting research in the same region. Miles asked how the information contained in this database would be kept current and how faculty will be encouraged to submit data on their international research for the database. Steuer stated that the current plan is to resurvey faculty at least every five years in order to make any updates to the database and that they will mostly rely on word of mouth to encourage faculty to submit information. Leingpibul asked if Steuer could show the council the actual survey used to collect data that is input into the database.

Steuer asked if IEC faculty could submit information to the beta test database and Miles stated that she would forward an email to IEC members with the link to complete the survey.

College of Arts and Sciences STEM Workshop – Butterfield

No report due to Butterfield absence.

International Student Inclusion-Faculty Goals – Miles and Force

Miles discussed outline of strategies for increasing international student inclusion that was emailed to council members along with the April agenda. Miles asked the best ways to disseminate the document to faculty and staff who would be interested in incorporating these strategies into their work. Force asked for clarification on the intended populations for distributions and suggested creating one or more shorter, more visually appealing documents that could be posted on the WMU global engagement landing page, faculty development website, and other appropriate websites.

Discussion of Long-Term Implementation Goals – Ann Miles

Miles stated that the council should discuss implementation of long-term goals during the 17 May 2018 meeting.

Chair's Report – Miles

Miles discussed the possibility of canceling the May 2018 meeting due to the absence of several members she is already aware of and asked members in attendance at the April meeting who would be able to attend. Rantz pointed out that it might be important to try to have a May meeting due to election of officers. Miles suggested that the council should meet on May 17 to elect officers and any council members who cannot attend should send a sub to vote in their place.

Miles reported that she will be presenting a session on international student inclusion at the 2018 Teaching Inclusivity Workshop on June 12, 2018. IEC

Planning Group met with Richard Gershon, incoming Faculty Senate president for 2018-20 during their April meeting.

Haenicke Institute for Global Education Report – Blyth

HAENICKE INSTITUTE

1. International Festival was a success
 - a. 16 international student organizations participated
 - b. 5,000 attendance (estimated)
 - c. 219 pounds of food collected and donated to the Invisible Need Food Pantry
2. International Recruitment Training program from the Haenicke Institute is developed and ready to launch. More information coming on how to participate or request a training session.
3. Jane Blyth just returned from visiting Sunway University, a conference in Malaysia and a visit to JIC in Indonesia – lots of potential partners in Malaysia, Kalamazoo restaurant and funding troubles of Papuan government
4. HIGE is working on how it will comply with EU data compliance regulations
5. HIGE has issued a call for applications to a Global Communications Internship program that will create student-to-student communication channels between admits/prospects and current students. The program is scheduled to pilot with three interns beginning in May.
6. HIGE will have a table alongside study abroad at the First Year Seminar Resource Fair for instructors in May – it will be promoting global engagement in a broader capacity that includes study abroad, international student activities and other global opportunities on campus and in the community.

CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE/ASIAN INITIATIVES

1. The Asian Forum is scheduled for Saturday, September 28, and will coincide with Tim Light's 80th birthday
2. The China Festival will be held Sunday, September 29
3. Chinese bridge contest will be held this weekend, April 21, as requested by Hanban in honor of the UN's Chinese Language Day

INTERNATIONAL ADMISSIONS/CENTER FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS/INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ACTIVITIES

1. Fall enrollment: undergraduate applications and admissions are up (70% and 55%) but graduate applications are still down (masters 11% and doctoral 15%)
2. Spring recruitment – wrapping up

3. The U.S. Department of State will have visited with International Admissions Office staff this month.
4. We are exploring new ways to collaborate with EducationUSA to amplify recruitment efforts of international students.

STUDY ABROAD

1. We are actively recruiting for 3 pre-freshman programs at admitted student events and a press release will come out this month.
2. Our study abroad search engine, Broncos Abroad, has undergone a re-design and it much more visually appealing and easier to navigate.
3. Pre-Departures are currently happening with students and faculty who are scheduled to study abroad this summer.
4. There are 12 summer I faculty-led programs and 5 approved for summer II.
5. The Study Abroad Fair is scheduled for Wednesday, September 26, and will be held again half indoors-half outdoors in Sangren Hall.

Other

None

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
D. Eric Archer
IEC Secretary