

**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE**

**INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION COUNCIL
Minutes of Thursday, 17 May 2018, 3 p.m.
Room 4550 Sangren Hall**

Members present: Michele Behr (for Maria Perez-Stable), Robert Dlouhy, Igor Fedotov, Janet Hahn, David Huffman, Joseph Kretoivics (for D. Eric Archer), Shannon McMorrow, Michelle Metro-Roland, Ann Miles, Upul Attanayake (for Jun Seok-Oh), Paulo Zagalo-Melo

Members absent: Chansheng He, Duke Leingpibul (for Zahir Quraeshi), Jim Whittles, Steve Covell

Procedural Items

Acceptance of the Agenda

Miles proposed to move Chair's Report to beginning of agenda. Dlouhy moved to accept 17 May 2018 agenda with requested change; McMorrow seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

Dlouhy moved to approve minutes from the 19 April 2018 meeting; McMorrow seconded. Motion carried.

Chair's Report

For the benefit of new members, Miles gave an overview of the IEC's work including a PowerPoint that she and Jim Butterfield wrote showing the work completed on comprehensive internationalization, and the work yet to be done. Miles encouraged members to read the documents on comprehensive internationalization and provided several references for further study, including the following: www.wmich.edu/global/intlinitiative; <https://wmich.edu/global/learningoutcomes>; www.wmich.edu/global; www.wmich.edu/global/infosheet; <http://libguides.wmich.edu/global-engagement>

Action Items

Election of IEC Officers for 2018-2019 (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary) – Miles

Miles reported that Archer was willing to be the secretary. Dlouhy nominated Archer; McMorrow seconded. Archer was elected secretary. Miles requested nominations for vice chair. Metro-Roland nominated McMorrow; Dlouhy seconded. McMorrow was elected vice chair. There were no nominations for chair.

Discussion Items

There were no discussion items.

Informational Items

Haenicke Institute for Global Education Report – Zagalo-Melo

Haenicke Institute

1. Zagalo-Melo attended the Governor's Reception for Consular Representatives.
2. The Institute is working toward closer relationship with the WMU Signature Program.
 - a. All study abroad activities will be logged in students' Signature records
 - b. The Center for English Language and Culture for International Students has been participating and will continue to do so
 - c. Working on incorporating other programs out of HIGE to become Signature-eligible
3. Two WMU faculty from the Fulbright specialist roster have been approved for projects in Iceland and South Africa
4. The International Education Faculty Development Fund awards have been announced. There were some applicants from departments not traditionally represented in the applications that were received
5. HIGE will be launching a "Quarterly Update" to strategic recruitment partners that include partner universities, EducationUSA REAC's, secondary education contacts (high school counselors) and etc.

Confucius Institute/Asian Initiatives

1. Dates reminder:
 - a. Asian Forum is scheduled for Friday, September 28 and will coincide with Tim Light's 80th birthday
 - b. China Festival will be held Saturday, September 29
2. Representatives from Beijing Language and Culture University were on the WMU campus and visited with members of the College of Education and Human Development, the College of Arts and Sciences, and the College of Fine Arts.
3. Chinese culture classes for the summer have kicked off with great enrollment in their Tai Chi class.
4. 2019 will be the 10th anniversary of the Confucius Institute at WMU. We are working on developing events and marketing materials for this anniversary year.

International Admissions/CELCIS/International Student Activities/Immigration

1. The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services revises unlawful presence rule for students and exchange visitors. Starting August 9, students and their dependents will automatically accrue unlawful presence upon certain triggering events such as failure to complete their course of study or engaging in unauthorized activities. Individuals who have accrued more than 180 days of unlawful presence and then depart are subject to a three-year bar to returning to the U.S. and those who have accrued more than 365 days are subject to a ten-year bar.

2. U.S. State Department is proposing a requirement that all nonimmigrant visa applicants be required to submit 5 years of identities on their social media platforms. DOS is accepting public comment on this until May 29th.
3. HIGE is in the training process of three students in its Global Communications Internship program, a student-to-student recruitment program that will enable prospective and admitted students to correspond via email, chats, video, etc. platforms with current students.
4. Summer Orientation went well; 34 students were welcomed for the summer. CELCIS had lower than expected turn-outs (down from 55 to 21) – fall applications for CELCIS are running ahead of fall 2017 numbers.
5. Fall enrollment: undergraduate applications and admissions are up (80% and 152 more admits than last year) but graduate applications are still down but have improved (155 fewer applications)
6. HIGE is working on developing “pre-arrival” materials for international students to better facilitate the transition to study at Western Michigan University.

Study Abroad

1. Director of Study Abroad, Lee Penyak, is a contributing author alongside three Historically Black Colleges and Universities, of a University Innovative Alliance grant proposal for the University Innovative Alliance Summit Challenge 2018. The grant is to provide funding to create videos tailored to black students to increase participation in study abroad.
2. Many summer study abroad programs are traveling or just returned. There are 12 summer I faculty-led programs and five approved for summer II
3. Reminder: Study Abroad Fair is scheduled for Wednesday, September 26 and will be held again half indoors-half outdoors in Sangren Hall

Other

Metro-Roland thanked Miles for her participation in Summer Orientation. Feedback was very positive. Dlouhy also thanked Miles for a presentation at CELCIS.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at: 3:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon McMorow (for D. Eric Archer)
IEC Secretary