

**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE**

**INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION COUNCIL
Minutes of Thursday, 20 September 2018, 3 p.m.
Room 4550 Sangren Hall**

Members present: D. Eric Archer, Steve Covell, Robert Dlouhy, Cristina Fava (for Igor Fedotov), Kalani Gates, Janet Hahn, Chansheng He, David Huffman, Duke Leingpibul (for Zahir Quraeshi), Shannon McMorrow, Michelle Metro-Roland, Rebecca Natale, Maria Perez-Stable, Jim Whittles, Paulo Zagalo-Melo

Member absent: Jun Seok-Oh

Guest: Richard Gershon, WMU Faculty Senate President

Procedural Items

Acceptance of the Agenda

Dlouhy moved to accept the September 20 agenda; Perez-Stable seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

Whittles moved to approve minutes from the 17 May 2018 meeting; Zagalo-Melo seconded. Motion carried.

Action Item

Election of Chair

Gershon nominated Covell for IEC chair. No other nominations were submitted. Election of Covell as IEC chair for 2018-19 was approved unanimously.

Discussion Item

Presentation of Charges

Gershon presented the IEC's 2018-19 council charges on behalf of the Faculty Senate Executive Board. He encouraged all members to diligently prepare for each month's IEC meeting in order to effectively address this year's charges. In particular, Gershon highlighted and elaborated on charges #2, #3, and #7. Chansheng He and other council members asked for clarification on charge #5 and asked what work had been completed on promoting faculty international research in the past. Zagalo-Melo discussed efforts related to charge #7 – building global classrooms as a high impact practice, and suggested creating a working group to explore efforts for development and implementation. Leingpibul asked for examples of what global classrooms would look like.

Informational Items

Haenicke Institute for Global Education Report – Zagalo-Melo

Haenicke Institute Staff Travel/Visits:

1. September 13 and 14 – Amanda Farias, Brazil Liaison Officer
2. Last week – Jane Blyth in Geneva, Switzerland, at the European Association for International Education
3. September 24 through 26 – Marjorie Ramos, Universidad Iberoamericana, Dominican Republic
4. September 24 to October 4 – Paulo Zagalo-Melo going to Brazil
5. September 28 to October 6 – Jane Blyth going to South Korea
6. October 5 – Jelly Offereins, HU International, The Netherlands
7. October 6 – Parade of Flags
8. October 10 – President hosting Omani luncheon
9. November 11 to 17 – International Education Week

Summer Visits from International Representatives – City University of Hong Kong; Christ University; Silla University; Otaru University of Commerce; University of Shiga Prefecture; and Nihon University

Asia/Confucius Institute:

1. September 21 – Japan Foundation Grant Presentation
2. September 28 – Asian Forum and Timothy Light Celebration
3. September 29 – China Festival

International Admissions/Recruitment:

1. September 11 to October 2 – Kim Cho, international admissions counselor, in India
2. September 15 to 23 – Anna Zblewski, international admissions counselor, in Sri Lanka
3. September 23 to 30 – Anna Zblewski, international admissions counselor, will be in Nepal

Center for English Language and Culture for International Students:

1. CELCIS Conversation Circles from 2 to 3 p.m., Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays

Study Abroad:

1. September 21 – Study Abroad Passport Caravan, 8 to 5 p.m., Bronco Lounge, Bernhard Center
2. September 26 – Study Abroad Fair, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sangren Hall
3. Laying the groundwork for creating two inexpensive, short-term, faculty-led, summer II programs for incoming freshmen during summer 2019 in order to improve rates of study abroad participation and whet students' appetites for future participation in long-term study abroad programs.
4. 14 new WMU faculty-led programs developed during the past two years (bringing the yearly total of faculty-led programs offered to nearly 40).

Fulbright:**Fulbright Student Program**

1. The campus deadline was September 11, and domestic students submitted applications. Interviews will be conducted with the students in the upcoming weeks. The national deadline will be October 9.
2. WMU welcomed nine new Fulbright Fellows, for a total of 35 Fellows plus ten Fulbright alumni continuing on with other graduate programs.
3. A Fulbright table was set up at the Graduate Resource Fair.

Fulbright Scholar Program

1. Two specialists are scheduled to go out on Fulbright sponsored projects; one to South Africa and one to the Dominican Republic.
2. Two specialists returned from projects this summer; one from Iceland and one from Brazil.
3. Another faculty member was accepted to the specialist roster.
4. There will be a Fulbright information table at the Fall Convocation event.

Fulbright Association

1. A coalition of faculty and staff from Grand Valley State University, Michigan State University, Cooley, and WMU formed a chapter for West and Mid-Michigan. The emphasis for events throughout the year will be on alumni networking in the region.

Chair's Report

Covell provided updates to the council regarding a number of issues that may intersect with 2018-19 charges. Some of these items include WMU Essential Studies implementation and the new proposed budget model for the institution. Hahn stated that she believed our role could be to provide input on what the council believes is important to consider in the implementation of the institution's strategic plan, which will drive the Responsibility Centered Management (RCM) budget model. Hahn suggested that Provost Jennifer Bott could address information on the RCM model in her October visit to the council.

Covell also proposed a number of visitors to IEC meetings for the coming year. These included: Provost Bott (October meeting), Sarah Summy (Chair of WMU Essential Studies), and Evan Heiser (Director, WMU Signature). Covell asked for ongoing input from council members concerning other prospective visitors.

Covell also asked about progress of working groups over the last year. Although Oh (faculty research working group) was absent at this meeting, Leingpibul stated that he has access to data from the faculty research survey that this working group sent out to WMU faculty last year.

Covell asked the council's preference for setting up various working groups. After some discussion, council members decided to set up three working groups for this year.

1. Inclusion – McMorrow, Dlouhy, and Metro-Roland
2. Faculty International Research – Leingpibul, Oh, and He
3. Global Classrooms – Whittles, Dlouhy, Metro-Roland, and Natale

Questions for Provost Visit:

Finally, in order to prepare for the council's October meeting, Covell asked members for potential questions to present to Provost Bott so that she might prepare for her visit. Some topics included more information on the proposed RCM budget model, providing information to the provost on WMU's prior and ongoing internationalization efforts (referring to comprehensive internationalization document); what is Provost Bott's vision for global engagement at WMU and how the proposed RCM budget model can align with that vision. Covell encouraged members to send additional questions/topics to him by email so that he can pass them on to Provost Bott in preparation for her October visit.

Other

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
D. Eric Archer
IEC Secretary