

**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE**

**INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION COUNCIL
Minutes of Thursday, 11 October 2018, 3 p.m.
Room 4550 Sangren Hall**

Members present: D. Eric Archer, Steve Covell, Robert Dlouhy, Igor Fedotov, Kalani Gates, Pnina Ari-Gur (for Jun Seok-Oh), 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: Jim Whittles

Guest: Jennifer Bott, WMU Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Procedural Items

Acceptance of the Agenda

Zagalo-Melo moved to accept the 11 October 2018 agenda; Dlouhy seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

Ari-Gur moved to approve minutes from the 20 September 2018 meeting; Perez-Stable seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion Items

Introduction of Provost Jennifer Bott

Covell explained development and prior work of IEC to provide context for Provost Bott's visit. He also mentioned previous initiatives regarding international faculty hires. Bott then shared her knowledge of this program after a previous discussion with Timothy Light. Provost Bott then explained how her office is working to develop funding for strategic initiatives that would help move the institution forward in strategic ways aligned with the values of the institution. Bott explained these strategic funding pools would be used to support future faculty- and staff-driven initiatives. She believes that efforts to promote internationalization at WMU would be a perfect example of initiatives that might fit such a future call.

Leingpibul asked Bott how she plans to recruit more international students in a current climate of declining enrollments and challenges in maintaining international partnerships. Bott stated that the University did well in increasing the number of international students for this year; however, she admits that it will be a difficult ongoing climate to continue to recruit international students. Zagalo-Melo added that although the growth of international student enrollment will slow, there is still a projected annual increase of 1.7% international student enrollment in U.S. higher education through 2027. Bott also shared a number of statistics related to college enrollment and attendance patterns in the State of Michigan and how this has impacted enrollment and budgeting at WMU. Several other council members also shared their views related to WMU's recruitment and retention of international students at the institution.

Covell asked Bott to comment on her vision for global engagement at WMU and how that vision can be supported by implementation of the future Strategic Resource Management (SRM) budget model. Bott discussed how global engagement should play a large role in the new WMU Essential Studies curriculum. In addition, Bott stated that internationalization of the curriculum should move beyond only courses that include international content. It should cut across the entire curriculum for programs to become something that we do and not something extra. Bott also discussed one-time programs that her office could support including faculty fellowships and interdisciplinary initiatives.

Working Group Updates

Inclusion Group – There were no updates due to the lack of a chair. There was a suggestion to appoint a new chair. McMorrow agreed to serve as chair for this group.

International Research – Leingpibul presented data from the international research survey submitted to faculty last academic year. Archer asked Leingpibul to forward results of survey data to him to distribute to council members.

Global Classroom – Metro-Roland reported that the committee has met to discuss a timeline for, and the nature of, its work. In addition, the committee discussed various potential models for developing, implementing and assessing global classrooms. She stated that its goal is to develop an implementation plan in spring 2019 for piloting a global classroom in fall 2019.

*Replacement for Covell on Collaborative Risk/Opportunity Management (CROM)
action team as IEC representative*

There was no discussion.

Informational Items

Haenicke Institute for Global Education Report – Zagalo-Melo

HAENICKE INSTITUTE:

1. October 6: Parade of Flags – last Saturday's homecoming (WMU has 1,950 international students from 100 nations)
2. October 10: Presidential Lunch with Broncos from Oman
3. October 17: Dr. Michael Baum, Director of Study Abroad in Portugal Network and Executive Board Member of the Luso-American Development Foundation (FLAD)
4. October 22-26: Visit of Papuan Government Officials
5. November 11-17: International Education Week

ASIAN INITIATIVES/CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE:

1. Asian Forum, Timothy Light Celebration and China Festival were all huge successes
2. Chinese language program through Confucius Institute at Kalamazoo Central High School (65 students), Loy Norrix High School (80 students), the Gagie School (70 students), the Kazoo School (20 students), the

Kalamazoo Chinese Academy (50 students) and schools in the Forest Hills Public School District (400 students)

3. Offers culture courses on the WMU campus (average enrollment is 60 per semester) and cultural workshops and exhibitions as well as in Kalamazoo and the surrounding communities.

SOGA JAPAN CENTER:

1. \$30,000 grant from the Japan Foundation

INTERNATIONAL ADMISSIONS / CENTER FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS:

1. Visits from guests from Brazil, Dominican Republic and The Netherlands
2. Brazil partnership development trip – Many great contacts, following up on Jim Butterfield's Fulbright trip to Brazil in August.
3. Jane Blyth's attendance at the European Association for International Education produced great leads including increased interest from India, among others
4. Staff recruiting trips to South Korea, India, Sri Lanka & Nepal produced great leads.
5. Soongmin Chow, Interim Director, travelled to Malaysia and Indonesia
6. CELCIS Conversation Circles from 2 to 3 p.m., Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays

STUDY ABROAD:

1. Passport Caravan – \$11,000 grant from Council on International Education Exchange
2. Study Abroad Fair – WMU study abroad specialists, representatives from non-WMU organizations providing more than 100 study and work programs conducted worldwide

IMMIGRATION SERVICES:

1. Advisors provide advising services and benefits to 3,053 visa holders in the WMU international community
 - International Students: (WMU: 1872; CELCIS: 84): **1956**
 - Practical Training graduates F-1 OPT (409)/J-1 AT (8): **417**
 - Accompanying spouse/children of international students (F-2=385/J-2=95): **480**
 - International Scholars: **200**
2. Curricular Course Changes Request for Program Improvements Checklist – HIGE review for possible implications for international student enrollment

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION FACULTY DEVELOPMENT FUND:

- Applications are due Thursday, Nov. 1. Three information sessions were set: Tuesday, October 9; Wednesday, October 10; and Wednesday, October 17 from noon to 1 p.m. in 2420 Ellsworth Hall. For more information follow the link: <https://wmich.edu/international/iefdf>

FULBRIGHT:

1. Fulbright Students: Interviews with students were conducted.
2. Fulbright Scholar Program: Two specialists are scheduled to go out on Fulbright sponsored projects, one to South Africa and one to the Dominican Republic

Chair's Report

Covell stated that guests to the November IEC meeting will include Christopher Cheatham, Associate Provost for Budget and Personnel, and Colleen Scarff, Executive Director of University Budgets, who will discuss the development and implementation of the University's new Strategic Resource Management budget model.

In addition, Covell suggested that the council may want to discuss the impact of ongoing implementation of the WMU Essential Studies curriculum on study abroad courses (e.g., in order for a course to qualify as an Essential Studies course, it must be offered every year). However, many study abroad courses that meet the requirements of the previous general education requirements for WMU are not offered annually.

Other

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
D. Eric Archer
IEC Secretary