

**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE**

**INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION COUNCIL
Minutes of Thursday, 15 November 2018, 3 p.m.
Room 4550 Sangren Hall**

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

Members absent: Janet Hahn, Jun Seok-Oh, Shannon McMorro

Guests: Christopher Cheatham, Associate Provost for Budget and Personnel and Colleen Scarff, Executive Director for the Office of University Budgets and Financial Planning

Procedural Items

Acceptance of the Agenda

Whittles moved to accept the 15 November 2018 agenda; Leingpibul seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

Perez-Stable moved to approve minutes from the 11 October 2018 meeting; Leingpibul seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion Items

Working Group Updates

International Student Inclusion Group – Metro-Roland stated that group did not meet last month but shared several pending topics with council members that the working group plans to discuss to guide its ongoing work.

Faculty International Research – no report

Global Classroom – Metro-Roland reported on the current status of the global classroom working group. The group has been discussing opportunities for WMU faculty to partner with faculty at international partner universities who teach similar courses to create opportunities for students in both courses to participate in collaborative learning and project development. Information about opportunities and an application to create global classrooms will be disseminated to faculty in January 2019 with an application deadline of March 2019. Proposed courses would need to take place in fall 2019 or spring 2020. The working group will also include an assessment component for global classroom applications that interested faculty submit. Metro-Roland discussed potential aspects of the application that faculty will complete.

The working group believes that the first round of global classroom development will be focused on faculty who already have international networks; however, once

the process of developing global classrooms is established, the focus will be on supporting faculty who do not already have international networks to develop such networks. Metro-Roland informed the council that \$10,000 is available to help fund the development of this global classroom initiative and asked for the council's thoughts how to best use the funds to encourage faculty to apply.

In addition to working group reports, Covell also stated that he would clarify the membership and charges of the working groups for future meetings.

Strategic Resource Management (SRM) Discussion – Cheatham and Scarff

Covell introduced guests and asked them several questions related to the development and implementation of the new SRM budget model for WMU. Scarff explained the concept of Responsibility Center Model (RCM) budgeting and discussed how WMU plans to adapt this model to create its new SRM budgeting model. Cheatham also emphasized that the new planned budget model is nothing more than a way to be more explicit in the allocation of resources across campus. Leingpibul asked about the differences between WMU's current incremental budget model vs. the planned SRM model. Cheatham explained that the new budget model will allow the University more information in its consideration of how current budgeting priorities connect to the ongoing strategic plans of the institution.

Covell then asked Scarff and Cheatham how they see the planned SRM budget model as supporting the global engagement goals of WMU. Scarff stated that it is still early in the process to know exactly how individual strategic priorities will be impacted; however, the SRM model will allow more resources and decision making to be shifted to individual responsibility centers (colleges and service units) to determine best how to meet their own needs and work toward shared institutional priorities. Several other IEC members asked various questions about implications of the budget model for the work of various units and programs at the University. Covell then asked specifically how the proposed SRM budget model can help to promote large strategic initiatives of the University, such as global engagement, beyond assuming that individual units will promote these initiatives. Cheatham stated that he hopes individual units and faculty/staff will still promote the initiatives of the institution instead of simply focusing on revenue generation over all else. Scarff also discussed that the implementation committees are looking at developing a plan for institutional and individual centers to pool resources for larger strategic initiatives.

Finally, Covell asked how the IEC can help support inclusion of global engagement priorities during the development of the RCM model. Scarff stated that the Faculty Senate has representation on various budget model development committees and input can be provided to them through the Faculty Senate.

International Education Faculty Development Fund Report – Metro-Roland

Covell requested the report be tabled until the December 2018 meeting.

Informational Items

Haenicke Institute for Global Education Report – Zagalo-Melo

HAENICKE INSTITUTE:

1. October 17: Dr. Michael Baum, Director of Study Abroad in Portugal Network (SiPN) and Executive Board Member of the Luso-American Development Foundation (FLAD)
2. October 22-26: Visit of Papuan Government Officials and Indonesian sponsors
3. October 29-30: Visit of Colombian Delegation
4. November 2-16: Julie Obrecht, international admissions counselor recruiting in Thailand
5. November 7-9: Paulo Zagalo-Melo to Washington, D.C. collaborations (Oman, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Kuwait)
6. November 9-13: Visit of Gulf Countries Delegation
7. November 11-17: International Education Week activities

Upcoming:

1. November 28-December 11: Dr. Ying Zeng travel to China
2. December 2-5: Jane Blyth travel to University of Tübingen -- Germany
3. December 5-8: Jane Blyth travel to American International Recruitment Council (AIRC) – Weston, Florida
4. December 10-12: Jane Blyth travel to International Consultants for Education and Fairs (ICEF) – Miami, Florida

ASIAN INITIATIVES/CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE:

1. October 22: Confucius Institute Board Meeting
2. October 26: Confucius Institute Advisory Committee meeting
3. Planning for President's trip to Japan, June 2019

IMMIGRATION SERVICES:

1. Department of Homeland Security released its 2017 published data on international students. Of the top 500 largest schools for Active F-1 student records, WMU is ranked number 160 with 2,327 active F-1 status holders.
2. Student and Related Visa Programs: A new proposal by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to modify the period of authorized stay for certain F-1 and other nonimmigrants from duration of status (D/S) to a specified end date, is slated for publication in September 2019.
3. A proposed rule to increase Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) fees, last slated for publication in September 2018, now has an updated anticipated publication date of March 2019.

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION FACULTY DEVELOPMENT FUND (IEFDF):

1. The IEFDF fall round of applications closed on November 1. The number of applications received was 23. The committee met to go over applications. The new online application system, designed by three senior computer science majors for their senior project, was rolled out successfully.

2. The call for nominations for the Global Engagement Faculty and Staff Award for spring 2019 has gone out. Please think about nominating colleagues and staff members. The deadline is November 30. More information can be found on the Global Engagement Award website- <https://wmich.edu/global/globalaward>.

FULBRIGHT:

1. Fulbright presentation to FYS course on November 13.
2. Fulbright students had their annual trip to Chicago and the Art Institute the weekend of November 10-11.

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

1. Be-a-Bronco-for-a-day event was held on November 8. This is an event for high school international students to visit WMU campus and experience being in a college environment.
2. The new Pre-Arrival Guide for incoming international students has been launched as part of the efforts to increase inclusion. <https://wmich.edu/internationaladmissions/guide>
3. Scott van Avery from the Haworth College of Business was in the Dominican Republic last week to recruit students from Universidad Iberoamericana Republica Dominicana (UNIBE)
4. Massood Atashbar from the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences visited IDP India and was featured in a Facebook Live interview
5. CELCIS Conversation Circles are from 2 to 3 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

STUDY ABROAD:

1. Continued planning for upcoming spring and summer SA programs.

Chair's Report

Replacement for Covell on CROM committee – no one needed

The need to have study abroad courses to run every year in order to meet WMU Essential Studies requirements may be resolved for now.

Other

No other business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
D. Eric Archer
IEC Secretary