

**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE**

**INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION COUNCIL
Minutes of Thursday, 21 February 2019, 3 p.m.
Room 4550 Sangren Hall**

Members present: Steve Covell, Ila Baker (for Robert Dlouhy), Christina Fava (for Igor Fedotov), Janet Hahn, Chansheng He, David Huffman, Duke Leingpibul (for Zahir Quraeshi), Michelle Metro-Roland, Rebecca Natale, Jun-Seok Oh, Maria Perez-Stable, LaSonja Roberts (for D. Eric Archer), Pam Wadsworth (for Shannon McMorrow), Jim Whittles, Paulo Zagalo-Melo

Member absent: Kalani Gates

Guest: Terri Kinzy, Vice President for Research

Procedural Items

Acceptance of the Agenda

Perez-Stable moved to accept the 21 February 2019 agenda; Leingpibul seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

Whittles moved to approve minutes from the 17 January 2019 meeting; Zagalo-Melo seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion Items

Working Group Updates – (Metro-Roland)

Global Classrooms – Metro-Roland reported that she met with the Fine Arts International Committee. There will be drop-in sessions February 27 and March 14 from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Bernhard Center, room 212, and on March 19, from noon to 1 p.m. in the Haenicke Institute for Global Education in Ellsworth Hall. Covell also pointed out that the servers/software should be in compliance for disabilities.

International Faculty Research – no report

International Student Inclusion – no report.

Office of the Vice President for Research – Kinzy

Kinzy talked about her strong relationship with HIGE. She spoke about changes to compliance that have made the system more efficient. This includes new staff and training sessions. Exports are more than just shipping goods, it's about knowledge. For this reason, faculty travel is also an area of increased scrutiny for compliance. Faculty can find help to learn what issues they may face and receive support. Kinzy emphasized that OVPR's goal is to advance all research non-funded and funded. It is working with the Research Policies Council to make sure the policies are clear. The Gates Foundation is applying technology to problems across the world and OVPR is working on identifying faculty to send. Kinzy also remarked that President Edward Montgomery appreciates the value of the

Fulbright awards. Chansheng He asked if there is any way to simplify the approval process for export control. Kinzy responded that export control reviews have doubled in the past six months. However, there is a caution to not overregulate. The goal is to protect faculty. There are some places where only specific computers can be used to ensure security. Covell asked if the office will be able to handle the scale of faculty with only one person working on it? Kinzy responded that the updated systems make it much easier. Continued improvements will be made on the website. The recommended time before the trip to apply is at least three to five days ahead of time.

The conversation turned to educating faculty on international collaboration grants. Part of the issue is identifying resources. OVPR is also trying to get more people from humanities to participate. The state is also putting together a resource to help people outside of the University find partners within the University. In addition, OVPR seeks to send out personalized invitations to get people engaged and interested. Metro-Roland asked about improving access to information regarding faculty Fulbrights since they are not required to go through HIGE and often do not, making getting data regarding WMU numbers at times difficult. The possibility of using the FARS (faculty annual review) to search keyword Fulbright was raised. However, not all faculty are entered in all awards and there is inconsistency in how such awards are entered. Kinzy ended by stressing that OVPR is trying to make it as easy as possible to get involved in research. Covell closed by asking what Kinzy thinks IEC can do to help. She responds that IEC should talk about research and get the message out that WMU is a research institution and continues to advocate for international research.

College International Committee Updates – (Metro-Roland)

College of Arts and Sciences – moving forward on looking at faculty development avenues in engaging faculty interest in internationalization. Also putting together a Fulbright panel to help people understand any issues. Covell and Metro-Roland also pointed out that women are underrepresented in Fulbright and the reason should be looked into.

College of Fine Arts – Fava (for Fedotov) met with Metro-Roland about the global classrooms. The committee wants to move forward with some ideas.

College of Health and Human Services – no report

Haworth College of Business – is looking into issues with the new WMU Essential Studies program regarding the category under which study abroad courses would best fit. The Language and Culture category emphasizes Non-English speaking countries/cultures but the committee feels this is the best category for Study Abroad programs – what to do with programs that go to English speaking countries.

College of Engineering and Applied Sciences – no report

College of Education and Human Development – no report

Haenicke Institute for Global Education Report – Zagalo-Melo

1. January 19 to 23 – Paulo Zagalo-Melo presented on “Budget and Funding Models for Internationalization” and “Curricular and Co-Curricular Internationalization” at the Association of International Education Administrators Conference

2. February 5 through 19 – Kim Cho, International Admissions Counselor, in India cities and school visits
3. February 27 through March 2 – Paulo Zagalo-Melo to Eurasia Higher Education Summit (EURIE) in Istanbul, Turkey
4. March 3 through 8 – Paulo Zagalo-Melo and Steve Newell, HCOB to Portugal – Partnership and Study Abroad Development (AACSB) Business Schools
5. March 24 – from 4 to 8 p.m. WMU's 30th Annual International Festival
6. Global Leadership Program: The scholarship priority deadline is March 1, but applications are accepted to the program through July 1.
7. Center for English Language and Culture for International Students – Conversation Circles are from 2 to 3 p.m., Mondays, Tuesday, Wednesdays and Thursdays
8. Three upcoming Study Abroad staff presentations at conferences: Lee Penyak and Sarah Reid on workflow and process efficiency (MAIE), Yumi Takahashi-Ede on recruitment and immersion strategies (MAIE), and Joseph Rasich on internship advising vs. study abroad advising (NAFSA).
9. Eight new 2019 summer study abroad faculty-led programs offered: Costa Rica (Mark Orbe); Croatia and Venice (Zeljka Vidic); Poland and Ukraine (Tetyana Koshmanova); Spain (Dee Sherwood); Ecuador (Nicholas Padilla); Western Europe (Joyce Busch); Ireland (Paul Vellom); Italy (Luchara Wallace).
10. Study Abroad "expos" were recently held in the College of Education and Human Development and the College of Health and Human Services to showcase summer 2019 faculty-led study abroad programs.
11. January 16 Workshop for visiting scholars: "Introduction to WMU and US Education system" by Ying Zeng
12. February 1 – "Spring Festival in Kzoo", Art Hop at Epic Center
13. March 1 at 11 a.m. – Annual Remembrance of Dr. Michitoshi Soga (Wood Hall)
14. HIGE offered an Immigration Seminar with Miller Johnson on campus hosted by WMU Career Services to help international students prepare for career fair; 37 students attended.
15. Also, recently American Immigration Lawyer's Association issued a policy brief that analyzes recently published U.S. Citizenship and

Immigration Services data, revealing crisis-level delays in the agency's processing of applications and petitions for immigration benefits under the Trump administration.

16. The 3 year/10 year bars are in effect for F-1/J-1 international students. Students who have accrued more than 180 days of unlawful presence and then depart will be subject to a three-year bar from returning to the United States. Those who have accrued more than 365 days are subject to a ten-year bar. This remains in effect while litigation in federal court is ongoing.

Other

None

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Natale (for D. Eric Archer)
IEC Secretary