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**International Education Council  
Minutes of 8 December 2022****Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Western Michigan University Faculty Senate International Education Council was called to order at 3:01 p.m. on 8 December 2022, via Webex video conferencing by David Huffman, chair.

**Members in Attendance:** Vuvu Antonio, Ellen Breakfield-Glick, Charles Bruce (substitute for Eric Archer), Joan Conway, Bradford Dennis, Jessica Gladden (substitute for Shannon McMorrow), David Huffman, Elena Lisovskaya, Michelle Metro-Roland, Joseph Milostan, Jun-Seok Oh, Abby Wang, Paulo Zagalo-Melo, German Zarate-Sandez (substitute for Anna Popkova)

**Members Absent:** Jim Whittles, Valerie Chan

**Ex Officio in Attendance:** Lisa DeChano-Cook

**Guests:** Charles Cotton, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management; Mioara Diaconu, Associate Professor, School of Social Work, Lucy Veriegh, Graduate Student Association

**Quorum**

A quorum was present.

**Acceptance of the Agenda**

Amendments to the 8 December 2022 agenda were made to add to New Business, Update on Global Classroom Collaborative, and the heading Strengthening Collaboration with Enrollment Management for the guest speaker.

**[MOTION]** It was moved by Wang, seconded by Breakfield-Glick, to accept the 8 December 2022 agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Antonio was not in attendance at the 17 November 2022 meeting. An amendment was made to remove Antonio from the November meeting.

**[MOTION]** It was moved by DeChano-Cook, seconded by Wang, to approve the minutes of 17 November as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

**Reports of Officers**

Chair Huffman reminded IEC of previous discussions regarding mental health by checking in with students and assisting colleges and departments in awareness of international issues.

Chair Huffman announces the following guests for future IEC meetings:

- 19 January 2023 - Tony Proudfoot, Vice President for Marketing and Strategic Communications
- 16 February 2023 –Julian Vasquez Heilig, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
- 16 March 2023 –Candy McCorkle, Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion

Ex Officio DeChano-Cook announced that this meeting will be her last with the IEC this year. A Faculty Senate Executive Board member will replace her beginning January 2023.

**Reports of University Representatives**

Zagalo-Melo reported that WMU will have two new programs at WMU's sister schools in Portugal and the Dominican Republic. WMU will have a full semester of eight credits in Portugal in 2023 and a full semester of credits in the Dominican Republic in 2024. Zagalo-Melo reported that the Ministry of Higher Education for the Dominican Republic expects to increase the number of students at WMU. There is a proposal to increase master's and PhD scholarships for graduate students. WMU is finalizing a new dual

degree for these programs. WMU is working on private funding from Intech and Eaton in Kalamazoo. Haenicke Institute for Global Education (HIGE) is working on global learning programming and orientation. The International Festival will be a good opportunity for U.S. domestic students to interact with international students. HIGE is working on hiring several vacant positions.

### **Reports of Councils/Committees Standing Committees**

Gladden reported that the College of Health and Human Services International Committee met on 20 November 2022 with international students. Diaconu reported that several students shared struggles they are having with domestic students' perceptions of international students. The students shared a document they prepared with Dean Ron Cisler to help faculty and students be more sensitive. There is a need to emphasize cultural differences and how the academic settings operate in the U.S. There are some transportation struggles and pandemic-related issues that have caused families to be unable to provide funding for necessities.

There were no reports from other colleges due to the short time frame between the November and December meetings.

Metro-Roland reported that the Global Engagement Award Working Group will meet on 17 January 2023. Metro-Roland stated that the Fulbright Working Group will send out a survey in January 2023 to look at best practice documents.

Dennis volunteered to lead the Welcoming International Students Working Group with Breakfield-Glick, Chan, Metro-Roland, Oh, and Somwhang as members. The first meeting is scheduled for 15 December 2022.

### **Unfinished Business**

At the November IEC meeting, a discussion was held regarding a proposal to raise the Duo Lingo Scores from 105 to 115 for graduate students and from 95 to 100 for undergraduate students.

**[MOTION]** It was moved by Dennis, seconded by Wang, to approve the proposal as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

### **New Business**

Metro-Roland reported that the \$5,000 Global Classroom Collaborative grant is for faculty to work with a facilitated learning community to develop a global learning classroom for fall 2023 or spring 2024. It is a part of the larger Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) trend. Metro-Roland reported that students in these classrooms collaborate with students in different parts of the world. Metro-Roland reported that HIGE attempted to engage faculty without previous international teaching experience. Announcements were distributed over the past two months. This year, six applications have been received, with several faculty members who are new to international education. The award recipients were from the departments of Teaching, Learning and Education Studies, Department of Dance, Bronson School of Nursing, School of Music, and the Institute for Intercultural and Anthropological Studies.

Cotton provided details regarding his background and presented areas of his work that connected to IEC. Cotton oversees domestic undergrads, student financial aid, pre-college programs, and scholarships. Zagalo-Melo shared areas of common ground, such as financial aid, which is important for study abroad students. Cotton reported that WMU Admissions is implementing technology to improve the application process and using pre-college programming with high schools for recruitment. A discussion was held regarding training WMU counselors on how to present study abroad experiences at recruiting events with international students' involvement. Cotton spoke about cross-promoting with athletic events, shows, and other events when future students are visiting WMU. Discussion continued regarding the Bronco Promise, engaging student ambassadors with international studies, and tailoring the experience to individual students.

### **Announcements**

None.

**Adjournment**

**[MOTION]** It was moved by DeChano-Cook, seconded by Dennis, to adjourn the meeting at 4:54 p.m. The motion carried unanimously. The International Education Council meets next on 19 January 2023, via Webex video conferencing.

**Approval**

Submitted by Bradford Dennis, Secretary

Minutes approved on 19 January 2023.