
**International Education Council
Minutes of 19 September 2024****Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Western Michigan University Faculty Senate International Education Council was called to order at 3 p.m. on 19 September 2024, via Webex video conferencing by Bradford Dennis, chair.

Roll Call

Members in Attendance: Eric Archer, Bradford Dennis, Dyanne Foskey, Tarun Gupta, Lucius Hallett, Anne Kairu, Shannon McMorrow, Michelle Metro-Roland, Joseph Milostan, Barry Olson, Anna Popkova, Reetha Raveendran, Leon Sun, Abby Wang, Paulo Zagalo-Melo, Ying Zeng

Members Absent: John Cooper

Ex Officio in Attendance: Janet Hahn

Guest: Amy Naugle, WMU Faculty Senate President

Quorum

A quorum was present with 17 members in attendance, of the nine needed to establish a quorum.

Agenda

[MOTION] It was moved by Milostan, seconded by McMorrow, to accept the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes

[MOTION] It was moved by Milostan, seconded by Kairu, to approve the 16 May 2024 minutes as presented. With one abstention, the motion carried.

Reports of Officers

President Naugle presented the 2024-25 council charges and made recommendations on which charges could lead to Memorandum of Actions and/or reports on what was accomplished.

Chair Dennis reported on the following:

1. Update on the search for the Senior Director of International Student and Scholar Services position, for which Chair Dennis served as the search committee chair. The finalist accepted the position and will begin on 4 November 2024.
2. Speakers who will be attending the IEC meetings this year;
3. Brief update on some insights from the Senate orientation.

Ex Officio Hahn did not provide a report.

Reports of University Representatives

Zeng's report included a summary of the working trip to Japan and China over the summer and the things accomplished. The newest international student enrollment is 1,995 from 94 countries (100 fewer students and three more countries compared to last year). Haenicke Institute for Global Education (HIGE) has a new Marketing Manager beginning 23 September 2024. There is a call for a search committee for the new HIGE Provost.

Due to Cooper's absence, there was no Western Student Association report.

Reports of Council/Committee Standing Committees

Gupta reported that the College of Engineering committee met, with six members involved, one from each department.

McMorrow reported that the College of Health and Human Services (CHHS) committee met and had six units represented. With a new CHHS dean, the committee is working on strategic goal alignment and connecting with the new dean.

Wang reported that the College of Business committee will meet on 20 September. A report will be presented at the IEC October meeting.

The Welcoming International Students committee has not met.

McMorrow suggested creating a working group on research.

The following members volunteered to join working groups:

1. Raveendran and Sun - Welcoming Students Working Group
2. McMorrow and Raveendran - Fulbright Working Group
3. Hallett - Study Abroad Working Group

Unfinished Business

There was an overview and discussion of the IEC 2024-25 charges, which were voted on previously.

New Business

There was a brief review of Charge #8 scope statement; no action taken.

Announcements

None.

Adjournment

[MOTION] It was moved by Milostan, seconded by Raveendran, to adjourn the meeting at 4:53 p.m. The motion carried unanimously. The International Education Council will meet next on 10 October 2024 at 3 p.m. via Webex conferencing.

Approval

Submitted by Anna Popkova, Secretary

Minutes approved on 10 October 2024.