

International Education Council

Minutes of 19 May 2022

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Western Michigan University Faculty Senate International Education Council was called to order at 3:02 p.m. on 19 May 2022, via Webex video conferencing by chair David Huffman.

Members in Attendance: Ellen Breakfield-Glick, Chuck Bruce (substitute for Eric Archer), Joan Conway, Bradford Dennis, Jessica Gladden (substitute for Shannon McMorrow), Stephen Hasenick (Substitute for Jim Whittles), David Huffman, Elena Lisovskaya, Joe Milostan, Anna Popkova, Xiaodan (Abby) Wang, Paulo Zagalo-Melo

Members Absent: Michelle Metro-Roland, Jun-Seok Oh

Ex Officio in Attendance: Lisa DeChano-Cook (substitute for Matthew Mingus)

Quorum

A quorum was present.

Acceptance of the Agenda

[MOTION] It was moved by Popkova, seconded by DeChano-Cook, to accept the 19 May 2022 agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes

[MOTION] It was moved by Bruce, seconded by Wang, to approve the minutes of 12 April 2022 as presented. With two abstentions, the motion carried.

Reports of Officers

Chair Huffman reported on his meeting with former IEC chair Eric Archer regarding IEC work for next year. Archer is currently working on the IEC Annual Report. Chair Huffman mentioned that Dr. Remzi Seker, the new Vice President for Research and Innovation, would be a good guest for next year. Chair Huffman and Archer also discussed charges and mentioned that IEC would like to focus on achievable outcomes. Chair Huffman also met with Whittles regarding guests to invite to IEC meetings next year. Chair Huffman reported that a new Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs has yet to be hired, but it was suggested that when the new hire joins WMU, they should be invited. Chair Huffman met with Zagalo-Melo and discussed the proposed internationalization component of the WMU Strategic Plan and updates on the American Council on Education Internationalization Lab 2.0.

Ex Officio DeChano-Cook reported that the Executive Board voted to continue all council and committee meetings to be held virtually next year. The full Faculty Senate meetings will be in-person.

Reports of University Representatives

Zagalo-Melo provided the Haenicke Institute for Global Education report. HIGE is now in its planned season. HIGE is waiting for comments from the Strategic Planning Steering Committee regarding the first version of the Internationalization Strategic Plan. The Internationalization Strategic Planning team is currently reviewing metrics and determining the stakeholders responsible for each of the strategies. Some strategies relate to HIGE. Zagalo-Melo reported that now is the time when the strategic partners visit the campus. These visits can result in partnerships in the future. HIGE works with department chairs and faculty to coordinate the partnerships.

Reports of Councils/Committees Standing Committees

Chair Huffman provided the 2021-22 American Council on Education Internationalization Lab 2.0 report. Much of the work dovetails with WMU strategic planning. Zagalo-Melo discussed the origin of the ACE Lab and how it impacts WMU. Zagalo-Melo reported that the ACE developed the ACE Lab program,

and the process for universities is very similar to accreditation. ACE hires international officers as advisors for the participating universities and staff. WMU involvement began 15 years ago. WMU participated in the first ACE Lab 1.0 in 2007. About 150 universities have participated. ACE Lab 2.0 is available for universities that have participated in 1.0. It was put on hold because of the pandemic. Zagalo-Melo participated in 1.0 and has been a peer reviewer several times.

Zagalo-Melo reported that WMU has made significant progress on the strategic plan. The main goal is to develop a strategic plan around the goals of the University. ACE advisors put the program together and reached out to universities. WMU was one of the first to participate. WMU is one of the four universities in the first cohort. Former IEC member and chair Jim Butterfield and Zagalo-Melo presented at the ACE Lab 2.0 meeting in Washington, DC. The advisors view WMU as advanced in internationalization. WMU had the opportunity to discuss the Internationalization Strategic Plan with the ACE expert advisors, who offered advice to the WMU ACE 2.0 leadership team regarding procedures and processes. WMU is able to take advantage of the interconnectedness of the IEC, ACE Lab 2.0, and the IEC working group on the Internationalization Strategic Plan.

Zagalo-Melo provided the University Strategic Planning Internationalization Workgroup report. Internationalization is one of the seven key areas in the WMU Strategic Plan. The first version of the Internationalization Strategic Plan has been submitted to the Strategic Planning Steering Committee. Several experienced people were involved in the process. The Strategic Plan will guide what the University Strategic Planning Internationalization Workgroup will do and what HIGE will do in the future. Chair Huffman suggested that the University Strategic Planning Internationalization Workgroup present the University Strategic Plan to the IEC in the fall for context. Zagalo-Melo reported that the next version will be the final version of the plan. Zagalo-Melo will share it with IEC members, so there will be ample time to view and address how it affects IEC this coming September. Chair Huffman thanked all who were involved in the process.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Zagalo-Melo reported that four Fulbright Scholars were awarded this year out of the five applications. IEC former chair Eric Archer was a recipient, as was the IEC former vice chair Shannon McMorrow. Also receiving awards were Sandra Borden, Communication, and former IEC member Chansheng He. WMU has been ranked in the top 10 universities in the past, with several Fulbright Scholars. Zagalo-Melo reported that it is not necessary to be on sabbatical to receive a Fulbright Scholarship. The scholarship is available for three months during the summer. [A full description can be found in WMU News.](#)

Chair Huffman reviewed progress on the 2021-22 council charges and shared suggested 2022-23 charges. IEC discussed each charge and its outcome.

Announcements

None.

Adjournment

[MOTION] It was moved by Hasenick, seconded by DeChano-Cook, to adjourn the meeting at 4:27 p.m. The motion carried unanimously. The International Education Council meeting schedule will be determined over the summer.

Approval

Submitted by Bradford Dennis, Secretary

Minutes approved on 15 September 2022.