
International Education Council

Minutes of 17 February 2022

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 17 February 2022, virtually via Webex video conferencing by D. Eric Archer, chair.

Members in Attendance: D. Eric Archer, Bradford Dennis, David Huffman, Shannon McMorrow, Michelle Metro-Roland, Ann Miles, Jun-Seok Oh, Anna Popkova, Carter Rice (substitute for Ellen Breakfield-Glick), Xiaodan (Abby) Wang, Jim Whittles, Hanny Wuysang, Paulo Zagalo-Melo

Members Absent: Griffin Baginski, Joan Conway

Ex Officio in Attendance: Matthew Mingus

Guests: Scott Horrigan, Aviation

Quorum

A quorum was present.

Agenda

Due to the absence of Interim Vice President for Research and Innovation Steve Carr, agenda item 8b was postponed.

[MOTION] It was moved by Whittles, seconded by Dennis, to accept the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes

Errors were corrected for the inclusion of extra paragraphs that were held over from the December minutes.

[MOTION] It was moved by Mingus, seconded by Miles, to approve the minutes of 20 January 2022 as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports of Officers

Chair Archer did not provide a report.

Ex Officio Mingus did not provide a report.

Reports of University Representatives

Zagalo-Melo did not provide the Haenicke Institute for Global Education report.

Metro-Roland encouraged faculty and students to apply for the next round of Fulbright awards, which is currently open.

Reports of Council/Committee Standing Committees

Wang reported that the Haworth College of Business international committee met last month to discuss the process for short-term study abroad programs. These programs often need approximately 15 students to have the program approved.

McMorrow reported that the College of Health and Human Services international committee invited WMU's new Director of Study Abroad and Faculty Enrichment, Joe Milostan, to attend their most recent meeting.

Whittles reported that the College of Aviation had an informal meeting of its international committee to discuss options for next year.

Zagalo-Melo provided the strategic planning internationalization work group report. The first internationalization town hall listening session will be held 18 February 2022 via WebEx from noon to 1:30 p.m. on the topic of developing an institutional commitment to internationalization. The second listening session will be held on 2 March 2022 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. via WebEx on the topic of global learning for all. Zagalo-Melo encouraged council members and colleagues to attend. On 14 February 2022, the full IZN working group met (virtually) with guest Dr. Hilary Kahn of Indiana University and Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) to discuss important information on comprehensive internationalization in higher education.

Zagalo-Melo provided the American Council on Education Internationalization Lab 2.0 report. An ACE advisor is working with WMU and will be serving as the moderator of the internationalization listening sessions.

Discussion was held. Huffman stated that it became apparent at the February IZN listening session that WMU has made a lot of progress. It had been mentioned that it was difficult for institutions to develop university-wide learning outcomes related to IZN. Dennis will lead [a future IZN subgroup discussion related to the IZN gateway at Indiana University](#) that had been discussed at the February meeting. Mingus stated that learning objectives in IZN are built into essential studies. Archer referenced the [international global expertise database](#) and asked whether successes can be leveraged for faculty to incorporate IZN into the classroom. Following the resignation of Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Jennifer Bott, council members expressed concern about continuity of strategic planning efforts. The IZN component of strategic planning is proceeding at a good pace. Archer asked about a searchable database for our partners in other countries. Zagalo-Melo stated that the [WMU database](#) is for partnerships. Archer asked for the IEC to help advise on improving the current databases related to IZN. Zagalo-Melo stated HIGE is not normally aware when a faculty member travels internationally in order for HIGE to provide information on local partners, support, etc. It was mentioned that information could be shared when faculty or staff submit an international travel authorization to help facilitate the sharing of information. Archer suggested that the Office of Research and Innovation should be notified when faculty submit international travel authorizations or grant applications for review by export control. Zagalo-Melo requested time on an upcoming agenda for information shared by participants at the upcoming IZN listening sessions.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Chair Archer noted that the guest for the 17 March 17 IEC meeting will be the newly named Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, Reetha Raveendran. It is anticipated that she will speak about her international experiences and the intersections of her work as a dean of students and internationalization efforts.

Discussion was held. McMorow stated that faculty in Health and Human Services are concerned about mental health care for students, both domestic and international. It was questioned how understanding of these issues from a cultural perspective can be expanded. Popkova would like to have an overview of the different directions that global engagement can take from other viewpoints. Metro-Roland asks how faculty can help student affairs provide a welcoming campus environment.

Announcements

Miles announced Books and Beer tonight at 5 p.m.

Dennis is working on an article alleviating student stress.

Huffman and Veeck's textbook on China's Geography, second edition, will soon be published in Russian.

Zagalo-Melo provided [the Global Engagement Program link](#) for departments interested in the pilot

program.

Adjournment

[MOTION] It was moved by Whittles, seconded by Dennis, to adjourn the meeting at 4:22 p.m. The motion carried unanimously. The International Education Council meets next on 17 March 2022 via Webex video conferencing.

Approval

Submitted by David Huffman, Secretary

Minutes approved on 17 March 2022.