**Academic Senate Committee on Internationalization (COI)  
February 3, 2017**

Members Present: Shuang Xie, Jacquie Medina, Jim Marquardson, Judy Puncochar, Brian Kakas, Z.Z. Lehmberg, Maggie Hartman, Anna Zimmer, and Catherine Oliver

Guests/Affiliated Members: Yan Ciupack and Diana Vreeland (Diana and Yan will attend meetings in March and April respectively)

**Agenda**

1. Shuang called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.
2. Approval of Draft Minutes of November 17, 2016

Brian motioned and Maggie seconded; minutes approved

1. Introduction of Yan Ciupack and Diana Vreeland

Ciupack and Vreeland are representatives of VandenAvond

1. Discussion of future meeting time

Meeting time and dates stand as established

1. Maggie’s presentation

* Maggie is a representative of ASNMU. She would like to be a more active member of COI and she asked what ASNMU could do to help international students
  + Suggestions – establish a buddy system; encourage American students to reach out to international students; encourage American students to participate in activities sponsored by the All Nations Club; organize events that have a global focus; contact other universities about what their domestic students do for their international students; organize trips during university breaks and holidays
* Yan Ciupack responded to a request to talk about her recruitment trips to China. She mentioned NMU’s selling points: low tuition and authentic American experience, etc.
* ELI is developing summer programs such as helping the School of Art and Design hosting artists from Aba College for two weeks this summer, organizing an English with Hospitality Tourism program, and possibly hosting students from Gateway Language Village in August.

1. Discussion of Joe Lubig's email to the President and Provost and the AAUP's current discussion on immigration
   1. President Erickson came out with a statement, which incited a barrage of email exchanges among faculty but no reaction from NMU’s international students.
   2. Questions remain: Has NMU’s Diversity Officer done anything to express NMU’s position regarding President Trump’s recent travel ban; should NMU do more to help and protect its international students?
   3. NMU does not have any student currently affected by the travel ban; however, we have foreign students who are wondering about the direction of the country. Students are concerned about summer travels: Will they have trouble coming back if they return home in the summer? Should they purchase tickets now or risk having to buy more expensive tickets later?
   4. Concerns were expressed regarding DeVos’ nomination: What does that mean for public schools and by extension, democracy in the U.S.?
   5. Has members of ASNMU discussed President Erickson’s message regarding the current travel ban? Maggie said that she could probably post something on the ASNMU’s website.
   6. Suggestions were made that the International Programs post something on their website to say something about NMU being an inclusive campus.
   7. A major problem was noted that NMU does not currently have an International Programs Office.
   8. It was suggested that we reach out to VandenAvond to get information about NMU’s international efforts
   9. Vreeland passed out ELI tuition information for international students
2. Good of the Order

none

1. Adjournment
   1. COI’s next meeting will be on March 17 at 1 p.m.
   2. Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully,

Z. Z. Lehmberg

Secretary Pro Tem