**Minutes: Academic Senate Standing Committee on Internationalization**

Date: November 04, 2011

Present: Arenillas (Chair), Ball, Burgmeier, Delpier, Fletcher, Siles, Steinhaus

Absent: Mills, Mowafy, Stunkard, Xie

Meeting was called to order at 11:45 a.m.

Agenda was approved.

Minutes of October 21 were approved.

The remaining meetings for the fall semester: November 18 and December 2.

**Reports:**

**Chair Report**

Arenillas announced that Dr. Alejandro Quin will be presenting "Acre, Putamayo, La Funera: The Task of Writing Against History in Amazonia" at the Mead Auditorium on Wednesday, November 9, from 6-8 p.m. as part of the International Speaker Series. The event is open to the public and all are invited to attend.

Arenillas indicated that the Latino Student Union (an NMU student organization) is writing a response to a recent editorial in the North Wind (Oct. 28) regarding illegal immigration. Arenillas suggested that COI might sponsor a campus forum next semester as a way to educate the community on immigration issues. Committee members suggested that we might look for other groups/funding on campus to support such a forum (Honors Student Organization, Student Law Forum, Ethnic and Cultural Diversity Committee).

**Secretary Report**

None

**Dean of International Programs Report**

Siles recently returned from a trip to China where he was working with a number of Chinese schools to develop programs with Northern Michigan University. He indicated that many Chinese Universities are showing a strong interest in partnering with U.S. schools and reported that the Chinese government has been approving an incredibly high number of educational visas to their students. Siles visited 10 universities and all want to develop 2+2 programs in a variety of subject areas (art & design, business, computer science, etc.). He expects some of these new partnerships to begin in 2012 while others will start in 2013. Overall Siles had a very successful trip to China.

**Old Business**

**Consideration of the Global Faculty Recognition at NMU**

The committee reviewed the revised draft proposal submitted by Mills and recommended a number of changes. Steinhaus will make the recommended changes and forward to Arenillas. The committee agreed that the proposal was ready to forward to Tim Compton who will take the proposal to the Provost.

**Consideration of the Global Student Recognition at NMU**

Shuang Xie and AJ Fletcher tried to arrange a meeting with Tim Compton to work on the student recognition proposal but were unable to meet before today’s meeting. They will attempt to meet with Dr. Compton before the next meeting and report back.

**New Business**

None

**Good of the Order**

None

**The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted

Mike Burgmeier