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

Date: October 7, 2011

Present: Arenillas, Ball, Burgmeier, Delpier, Siles, Steinhaus, Xie

Excused: Stunkard, Mowafy, Mills

Meeting was called to order at 11:30a.m.

Agenda was approved.

Minutes of September 9 were approved.

After further discussion, the committee agreed to meet from 11:30-1:00 every two weeks in LRC 111i for the remainder of the semester. The remaining meetings are: October 21, November 4, 18, and December 2.

**Reports:**

**Chair Report**

Shevy was elected to the Academic Senate Executive Committee and must step down from COI. Shuang Xie from Communication and Performance Studies has replaced Mark.

**Secretary Report**

Stunkard indicated in an earlier email that she would be happy to continue serving as secretary of COI. She has a couple of conflicts with our scheduled meeting dates this semester and asked if someone would be willing to fill in on those dates.

**Dean of International Programs Report**

Enrollment of international students is at an all time high (111 students) and International Programs continues to increase efforts to recruit additional students. Recent and upcoming recruiting efforts have been focused on Vietnam, China, and Canada.

Faculty Led Study Abroad (FLSA): There are now over 260 students participating in FLSA’s (once again a record number of students). International Programs held a Study Abroad Fair last week. Over 1,000 students attended.

Silas reported that the 2 students who attended the University of Matanzas in Cuba last winter did very well academically. International Programs is currently recruiting students from surrounding states for participation in the University of Matanzas program.

International Programs is working on developing additional 2+2 programs (similar to Capital University from China). One is a Chinese University (Earth and Environmental Science & GIS), another in Malaysia (Business), and perhaps a third one in Turkey.

Silas reported that the English as a Second Language (ESL) program will be part of NMU. Expectations are that student numbers will increase over the previous program run by a private company.

The International Programs Office is once again working with Georgetown University to bring students from South America to various communities around Marquette for a week. Silas pointed out that Georgetown University has been conducting surveys of all students who participated in their program and NMU has ranked very high in popularity.

Silas has been working hard on a grant proposal through the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) focusing on water resources. FIPSE works primarily with American & European universities. Unfortunately funding for the grant proposal has been cancelled due to US government budget cuts.

The International Programs Office has been working to recruit international students from Michigan community colleges. This offers potential for increasing international student enrollment as student interest in pursuing a four-year degree continues to grow.

**Old Business**

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

We will discuss this at the next meeting.

**New Business**

**Good of the Order**

**The meeting adjourned at 1pm.**

Respectfully submitted by Mike Burgmeier