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

Date: January 14, 2011

Present: Orf, Stunkard, Burgmeier, Siles, Mills, Shevy, Li, Ball, Oates

Excused: Mowafy, Stanley

Meeting was called to order at 11:10am

Agenda was adopted as presented

The meeting minutes for November 12 and December 3, 2010 were approved with revisions.

**Reports:**

**Chair Report**

* In follow-up to a committee concern regarding the dissemination of MarqTran information to international students, Siles reported that students receive the bus schedule during orientation. Orf will call Public Safety to see if they will create a link on their webpage to Marqtran.
* CUP did approve the International Studies curriculum but with changes, several of which COI had identified during discussion. Orf will send a letter in support of the program to the Academic Senate.
* The COI Memorandum in response to the Recommendations from Strategic Consulting was approved by COI members via email vote by December 10, 2010. The Memorandum was sent to the Provost and also to committee members. No response has been received from the Provost to date.
* Orf will be accompanying the NMU delegation to Cuba next week for the signing of the agreement with the University of Matanzas.

**Secretary Report:** None

**Executive Director of International Programs Report**:

* Siles suggested that COI invite Michael Cinelli, Associate Dean in the School of Art and Design to an upcoming meeting. Dr. Cinelli has been recognized worldwide for his work in furniture design and will be leading several NMU student groups to Italy.
* Carol Steinhaus will be hosting a dinner for all international students in the College of Business this coming Sunday. This event is part of the “buddy” program which serves to enhance cultural immersion for NMU and international students.
* Next week, 25 students from CAYA, the Central American Youth Ambassador program, will be visiting and staying with host families in Marquette. They will shadow MSHS students, discuss entrepreneurship with business leaders, visit Cliff Resources Mine, and participate in outdoor adventures and service learning.
* This next week, Dr. Milton Mendoza and Eduardo Escobar from Honduras, will be visiting and making presentations to the Marquette community and to NMU students. Nursing and Clinical Sciences currently have study abroad programs which partner with Dr. Mendoza.
* Siles reported that the increasing number of students participating in study abroad programs is expected to break previous records. The number of international students coming to NMU is also expected to increase.

**New Business**

**Student Representative**

The ASNMU student representative, Ben Stanley, informed Orf that he will be unable to attend COI meetings due to a course scheduling conflict**.** Orf will consult with ASNMU about how to proceed with a new student representative and send a courtesy letter to Ben.

**Global Recognition Criteria**

The Committee reviewed the draft proposal for Global Faculty Recognition at Northern Michigan University, March 31, 2010. The group decided to study the proposal further prior to discussion at the next meeting. It will then be sent on to the Provost.

**Goals for Remainder of the Semester**

Several topics were suggested as goals for the upcoming semester including a campusforum on internationalization. It was decided to wait for feedback from the Provost regarding the Committee’s Strategic Consultant recommendations before proceeding.

**Old Business**

**Discussion of Needs of International Students on Campus**

Siles reported that many of the issues identified by international students have been addressed. Interviews with Chinese students show that most are very happy with faculty contact and classes.

**Discussion of Best Practices in Internationalizing the Campus**

This discussion will hold until we receive the Provost response to the Consultant recommendations.

**Good of the Order**

Siles distributed the 2010 FLSA Leader Handbook. He pointed out that this is an evolving document and that COI is asked to review for possible changes to the next edition.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15