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

Friday, March 12, 2010

Present: Ball, Li, Mowafy, Oates, Orf, Peters, Schmidt, Stunkard, Siles

Excused: Mihalopoulos, Shevy

Meeting was called to order at 11:05 am.

Agenda was approved.

Last meetings minutes were approved with some correction.

**Reports:**

**Chair Report**

Orf updated the committee on the Susan Goodrich Study Abroad Scholarship (for study in a Portuguese- or Spanish-speaking country). Thus far:

* Letters were sent to former students in December
* Fund-raising tables were present at the Alex Torres concert in February
* Over $500 has been raised
* Representatives from each department will be distributing letters to faculty members regarding the scholarship and how to contribute

MLL has a verbal commitment from Maria Guadalupe Arenillas to start, in Fall 2010, a tenure-track position in Spanish and Portuguese to replace Susan Goodrich. This is good news for our Brazilian partnership.

MLL International Studies subcommittee met on March 11. They are working on curriculum changes for the IP major and minor, including changes to the core (adding IP 190, Introduction to International Studies and IP 290, Global Engagement).

The Study Abroad Fair on February 16 was well attended. Amy was there advertising her FLSA in Buenos Aires.

There is a French baking seminar, sponsored by MLL on Friday, March 12 in Whitman Commons.

Rehema Clarken will be attending COI on March 26 to discuss the mentoring program for new international students. Carol Steinhaus has also been invited to the meeting.

**Executive Director of International Programs Report**

Marcelo Siles updated the committee on International Programs activities.

Z.Z. Lehmberg and Miriam Moeller will a develop movie about NMU to be used for recruitment in China.

NMU will host a visit from the Capital University of Economics and Finance in China to develop a MOU regarding a degree in business. Chinese students would take 2 years of classes in China, then transfer to NMU. Course descriptions are being reviewed by Kim Rotundo. A large number of undergraduate and MBA students are expected in Fall 2010.

India: Rehema Clarken and Harvey Wallace have visited 3 universities in India to promote NMU.

Study Abroad Fair was well attended but few new applicants have signed to fill upcoming trips.

The US government has decreed that all Army-related enrollees must have study abroad education. NMU is in discussion with our ROTC program on implementing this directive.

Carol Steinhaus’ recent visit to Europe has resulted in doubling of the number of students studying abroad during this summer.

NMU has 3 students who will be on upcoming internships in Ireland.

Several inquiries and applications have been received for the Freshman Study Abroad Program. Invitations will be sent to all freshmen.

NMU has received a letter from the Canada Consulate announcing a grant for $8000 to support scholarship for the freshman experience.

Marcelo Siles and Tim Compton attended a Title VI Conference at Tulane.

NMU is waiting final decisions for approval to send students to study in Cuba. Once approved, Tim and Marcelo will go to Cuba to negotiate terms.

International Speaking Events: during the upcoming week, Dr. Sedat Aybar, a Turkish scholar and World Bank consultant, will be meeting with the NMU Business School. Four to five scholars will visit during the 2010-11 academic year. Marcelo will be calling for nominations.

**New Business**:

* Global Faculty and Student Recognition ideas. Tim Compton would like the subgroup to meet again to discuss the proposals. Committee members are asked to provide Amy Orf with ideas and feedback.
* Native American Studies. A brief discussion took place as to whether Native American Study should be considered international study based on the linguistic definition of “nation”. The topic was tabled pending changes in the program status of NAS at NMU.
* Year-end Report. Orf presented a draft Year-End Report to the committee. Suggested changes were made to the document which will be reviewed at the next meeting prior to being sent to the Executive Committee and Academic Senate.
* COI Goals for 2010-11. The group approved the Goals as Amy presented; she will reformat.
* Marcelo distributed the Findings and Recommendations Concerning International Education prepared by the Wyly/Kellogg Consulting Group. The committee is asked to review the document. It will be discussed at the April 9 meeting.

Good of the order: Pow-Wow is scheduled for Saturday, March 13th.

The meeting adjourned at 12:06pm.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Stunkard, COI member