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

Date: November 12, 2010

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

Excused: Mowafy

Meeting was called to order at 11: 06

Agenda was adopted as presented.

Meeting minutes from Oct. 15, 2010 were approved. Minutes from Oct. 29, 210 meeting were approved with revisions.

**Reports:**

**Chair Report**

* Orf attended the international web instructor webinar titled “Teacher Education”. She found it interesting that other attendees mentioned ideas that NMU has already implemented.
* The NMU emagazine *CAMPUS* recently highlighted the “buddy” program in the College of Business which pairs international students with American students for group activities.
* Orf wrote to Leslie Putnam regarding COI support for EN109/109W. Leslie returned her thanks.
* Orf reported that the English as a Second Language minor has been tabled by EPC. This minor was designed to increase the number of official NMU credits that foreign students can take which would, in turn, allow them the resources that regular student receive such as a laptop computer, PEIF pass, library use, etc.

**Executive Director of International Programs Report**

* Siles reported that negotiations, with the University of Matanzas in Cuba were successful. NMU as one of 15 U.S. universities to work with the University of Matanzas. An NMU team will go to Cuba to finalize arrangements and sign a contract in the near future.
* Two freshman study abroad courses, one each in Paris and Scotland, will be offered next summer.
* Passport day was held with a total of 39 attendees.
* On November 17th, the NMU will celebrate International Education Week. The International Programming Office will host an open house, a World Parade will take place in the Academic Mall at 2:30 and international fashion will be on display all day.
* Siles reported meeting with John Frick, associate director of Housing and Residential Life regarding housing changes for international students. Next year, dorms will open for students 3 weeks before classes start to allow for early ESL programming and course scheduling.
* NMU delegation visited the Universidad del Salvador in Argentina. We have had student exchanges and are exploring possibilities to develop programs with nursing.

**New Business**

* Strategic consulting recommendations. Orf distributed a ballot of the 31 recommendations from the Strategic Consulting Report which COI had generated. Each committee member voted to either recommend, not recommend or to postpone recommendation to the Provosts. Orf will tally the results and summarize for the next meeting.
* Orf distributed a letter from Tim Compton regarding notification of department heads and deans of the International Studies curriculum change sent to CUP this past September. A motion was made and seconded to send a letter of support to CUP for the curriculum change with concern regarding staffing, and to copy to the Academic Senate.

**Old Business** None

**Good of the Order**

PS299, Model UN, will need additional student to enroll to offer the course.

**Adjournment** at 12:35