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

Friday, 2 October 2009

Present: Li, Mihalopoulos, Mowafy, Oates, Orf, Peters, Shevy, Siles

Excused: Stunkard
Absent: Ball
Guests: None

Meeting called to order at 12:04 p.m.

Agenda for the current meeting approved.

Minutes from 18 Sep. 2009 discussed. Siles clarified that International Programs and International Studies are distinct. Committee voiced clarification that Mihalopoulos’ statement regarding NMU internationalization needs was a starting point for further discussion, not a statement by the committee at large. Minutes approved with minor changes.

**Reports**

**Chair Report**

Laura Schmidt will be the new ASNMU student representative for COI.

Modern Languages faculty met recently to discuss creating a study abroad grant in honor of Susan Goodrich. It will not be just for modern languages students; it will be for any student who wants to study abroad in a Spanish-speaking country. An initial $25,000 is needed to keep the endowment going indefinitely – students will be funded with the interest.

**Secretary Report**

Shevy updated the COI Website with minutes & new committee members.

**Executive Director of International Programs Report**

Aba College (China) delegates visited NMU. They want to send some professors to NMU to learn English, funded by Chinese government. They would like to pay for some of our graduates to go to China to teach English. They want to bring an 80-100 piece art exhibition to NMU for Fall term 2010. Afterward, they will send a dance troupe. A group of NMU students will then go to China. A broad agreement was signed.

Siles would like to clarify that International Studies is a curriculum matter, and International Programs does not deal with curriculum. International Programs’ four responsibilities are study abroad, internationalization grants, recruiting international students, and international outreach (e.g., events, etc.)

COI had a lengthy discussion of how administration can work more openly with faculty about internationalization decisions.

COI is cordially invited to meet with the internationalization consultants at 6:30 on 20 October 2009.

COI unanimously voted to request a regular electronic newsletter from International Programs. Siles will take the request to Communication and Marketing.

**New Business**

COI voted to not invite John Mallo to speak to the committee.

Meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Mark Shevy, COI Secretary