

Minutes from the Council for International Education
3:00 PM, Wednesday, October 12, 2016
Stipes Hall 207 and the Quad Cities via telephone conference

In attendance: Chandra Amaravadi (chair), Pedro Bidegaray (*ex officio*), Davison Bideshi, Christina Davis, George Gunzenhauser (in the Quad Cities), Jeffrey Hancks, Michael Murray and Yong Tang.

I. Introduction of new members.

II. Motion to approve CIE Minutes from May 5, 2016:

a. Motion seconded. Minutes approved as written.

b. Meeting time: the Council members agreed that the meeting time of 2 PM on Wednesdays was acceptable. Dr. Amaravadi noted that some members would not be able to attend due to other commitments. Meeting dates for the remainder of this semester are November 2 and December 7.

III. Chair's update from the Executive Committee Meeting of October 4, 2016:

a. Dr. Amaravadi discussed CIE directives for 2016-17 outlined in meetings with the Executive Committee.

IV. New Business: Revision of the Global Issues (GI) Questionnaire's course goals and objectives.

a. Dr. Amaravadi passed out a draft of the GI course goals and objectives and opened the discussion, asking the Council to consider the goals section first. Dr. Tang asked what the rationale was for revising the GI course goals. Dr. Amaravadi responded that the current GI goals were vague and failed to outline specific ways in which courses could meet the GI goals.

b. Several Council members noted instances of vague or unclear wording in the draft and made suggestions for improvement. Dr. Bideshi observed that the draft seemed to contain no mention of historical content. Mr. Murray suggested the addition of language to include historical periods in the draft. Dr. Davis was concerned that the language "this society" seemed to imply US society, and asked that this language be changed. Dr. Bideshi recalled that the Faculty Senate looked for consistency in wording in lists of goals or objectives such as the GI course objectives. Dr. Bidegaray added that the Council should strive to include measurable action verbs when framing GI course goals and objectives. The wording of the goals was revised according to the comments. Dr. Amaravadi will pass out the revised draft.

c. Dr. Amaravadi asked for comments on the objectives section of the GI goals and objectives. Dr. Davis was concerned that the term "content" was too vague. Mr. Murray suggested the term "research" to be used in its place, and Dr. Davis suggested the term "literature." Dr. Bidegaray reminded the Council that we must be able to measure whatever goals and objectives we determine for the GI questionnaire. As the meeting period was drawing to a close, Dr. Amaravadi asked the Council members to send any revisions to him via e-mail and he would attempt to incorporate them for the next meeting of the Council.

VI. Motion to adjourn & seconded.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at 3:00 PM

Minutes submitted by Michael Murray