

**Council on International Education**  
**Minutes for February 25 Meeting**

Present: Bhavneet Walia, Minsun Doh, Marloes Van Eijkelenberg, Jeff Hancks, Chandra Amaravadi, Yong Tang, Fetene Gebrewold, Richard Hughey, Doug Huff, Richard Carter, Kim McDaniel **Guest:** Angela Lynn

1. Approval of minutes from January 18 meeting

Correction: Bhavneet will forward the current Policies and Procedures form to the two Faculty Senate subcommittees responsible for its review instead of posting it directly to the website. Motion to approve with changes by Jeff, Fetene second. Approved unanimously by members present.

2. Guest: Angela Lynn, Registrar

Angela presented background information on the establishment of the GI requirement. Initially, transfer students wishing to use transfer classes to satisfy the requirement had to appeal instead of having the transferred credit automatically count towards the requirement. After receiving an increasing number of complaints from students, community college advisors and academic advisors at WIU, research was conducted into how transfer students were meeting the requirement. It was discovered most of the students were taking a WIU General Education Global Issues course, despite having transferred at least one course equivalent to a WIU Gen Ed GI course.

The FLGI adhoc committee reviewed the concerns expressed by students and staff and unanimously approved allowing equivalent transfer courses to meet the GI requirement. This proposal was forwarded to CAGAS which unanimously approved the proposal at their February 19 meeting. Bhavneet mentioned members received a copy of the actual proposal with the new wording via email.

Jeff asked if community college advisors were steering students away from WIU? Angela replied she didn't think so but the lack of transferability did plant the seeds that there would be issues when students arrived at WIU. She added the current proposal focused on whether we were more worried about the content of the courses or checking off a box.

Angela added that she checked with both Eastern Illinois and Illinois State Universities and both of them have similar requirements to our GI. She was asked if a WIU student transferred to one of those schools and had met the GI requirement here would it be counted there. She replied they would count WIU's course as meeting their requirement.

Minsun asked if the classes transferred were exactly the same class and if they were counted as GI at the originating college. Angela said that those colleges might not have a GI requirement. Each chair reviews the syllabi and determines how a class with transfer, if at all.

Marloes asked why they (transfer classes) didn't count before. Angela stated a lot of work went into the development and vetting of the requirement by that committee's members.

Chandra asked about the general requirements for transferring to WIU. Angela stated that if a class had already been presented to WIU previously for evaluation, that information was in the system. Students get an "S" grade; WIU doesn't transfer grades from other institutions, just credit. Chandra asked for further clarification. Angela said the process starts with the student submitting his/her transcript to Admissions where the initial matching of courses happens. Chairs evaluate the information presented about a course and determine equivalency. If a student failed the course at the

other institution, they don't receive credit here. If they transfer a class with a "D" grade, they must be aware their major may have prerequisites of C or better. A class is listed with a "U" grade if it's transferred with a grade of less than a C. Only classes with grades of C or better are marked as "S".

Chandra asked if there was a time requirement for transferring in classes. Could a student transfer something from 10 years ago? Angela said it was like the undergraduate programs here in that there was no limit on how long ago it was or how long it takes to finish.

Chandra asked if CIE could impose a minimum grade requirement for transferred courses. Angela replied that it was within the department as they determine the requirements for their program(s).

3. Discussion on proposal—Bhavneet opened the floor for discussion. Jeff stated it seemed logical. Bhavneet called for a vote to accept the proposal from the FLGI subcommittee. Motion to approve by Jeff, Doug seconded. Approved unanimously by members present.

Bhavneet stated there were currently no new courses to review.

3:23 pm—Jeff moved to adjourn, Richard Hughey seconded. All in favor.