

**Minutes from the Council for International Education**  
3:00 PM, Wednesday, December 7, 2016  
Stipes Hall 207 and the Quad Cities via video conference

In attendance: Chandra Amaravadi (chair), Pedro Bidegaray (*ex officio*), Davison Bideshi, Christina Davis, Rafael Obregon, Jeff Hancks and Yong Tang.

- I. Motion to approve CIE Minutes from November 2, 2016.
  - a. Motioned by Bideshi seconded by Obregon. Minutes approved as written.
  
- II. Finalization of the Revised GI (Global Issues) courses goals and objectives.
  - a. An additional phrase was added to the *objectives* such that it covered distinctive cultural and political regions within the same continent – “Engage in an in-depth study of fundamental issues and/or professional practices spanning multiple continents or culturally and politically distinct regions within the same continent”.
  - b. The *guidelines* to clarify the goals and objectives were edited.
  - c. Dr. Davis motioned to approve the revised guidelines and motion seconded by Dr. Obregon. It was unanimously passed.
  
- III. Internationalization of the Campus.
  - a. Bidegaray had forwarded documents from an ad hoc committee that was formed in 2004 by the then president. Committee members included Richard Cangro, Shankar Ghimire, Gary Schmidt, Minsun Doh and Krista Bowers Sharpe. It also included university stakeholders Dana Vizdal, Christie Carmack (from CIS), Patricia Jones (a retired faculty member and former director of WESL) and Kadidia Samassekou and Madeline Heinzer (WIU students).
  - b. The adhoc committee had discussed the need to link Study Abroad to Internationalization efforts across campus and studied efforts at schools that won Paul Simon internationalization awards given by NASA. It also collected information on internationalization efforts at WIU and prepared a vision statement for internationalization across campus.
  - c. Bidegaray discussed this background and clarified issues in the “campus initiatives” document as follows:

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| Phi Beta Delta -                     | <i>An International Honor Society founded by Bideshi; not active at present.</i>            |
| Sister universities -                | <i>Not known at present</i>   |
| Multi-cultural component in Gen Ed - | <i>Council members are not familiar with this</i>   |
| JANI Annual International Home Sport | <i>International sporting activity started by Dr.</i>                                       |
| -                                    | <i>Subash Jani a retired (deceased) professor. Hancks mentioned that this was ongoing</i>   |
| International Bazaar -               | <i>Sponsored by the Office of International Student Services.</i>                           |
| American Culture Night               | <i>Need to ask Patty Jones; Took place in the basement of a church according to Hancks.</i> |
| Specialist databases -               | <i>Maintained by Mandeep Singh while in CITR.</i>   |
| Purple and Gold Around the World -   | <i>Not known at present, need ask Amy Spellman.</i>   |
| International String Quartet -       | <i>Still giving performances according to Hancks</i>  |

## International Recruiting Trips -

*Specialist hired for recruiting from China*

- d. Additional comments – Bidegaray commented that Internationalization efforts should be integrated and driven by the administration. WIU has only 1% of its students going abroad, whereas the national average is 10%. This was met with unanimous agreement. Hancks suggested grant writing workshops, but some departments such as Engineering Tech suffered faculty departures. He said that “release time” was part of the contract. Bideshi suggested polling faculty for interest. Resources should not be an issue. Hancks related that when he was in Denmark, he heard that Monmouth college sponsored a Syrian refugee. The council resolved to review the campus efforts and formulate a strategy for integrating the initiatives. Tang shared his Chinese language website of COFAC <http://www.wiu.edu/cofac/chinese/> This should be integrated with WIU website. Hancks promised to pursue this.

## VI. Motion to adjourn.

- a. Motion seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at 3:00 PM.