

Annual Report 2024-2025

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A subcommittee of
Faculty Senate**

**Western Illinois University
Macomb, IL**

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2024–2025 CIE Members

- **Tahir Khan**, Computer Sciences – Chair
- **Brian Locke**, Music – Co-Chair
- **Davison Bideshi**, Sociology
- **Jiyoung Park**, Recreation, Park, Tourism, and Hospitality (RPTH)
- **Jongnam Choi**, Earth, Atmospheric, and Geographic Information Systems (EAGIS)
- **Natalie Landowski**, Music
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Dr. Gloria Delany-Barmann stepped down from the chair position and resigned from the committee on November 13, 2024. Following her resignation, a vote was held on November 26, 2024, to elect new leadership. As a result, Dr. Tahir M. Khan was elected Chair, and Dr. Brian Locke was elected Co-Chair of the CIE.

With this change in leadership, Dr. Jeremy Robinett was invited to the CIE meeting on February 26, 2025, to provide updates and clarifications on the committee's charge. The **following charge** was provided in writing to the CIE:

- Update the council's purpose and possibly its name to reflect institutional changes in recent years.
- Work with the Provost's Office to review and report on enrollment trends over the past three years in Foreign Language (FL) and Global Issues (GI) courses.
- Work with International Admissions to review and report on enrollment trends over the past three years at WIU and peer institutions.
- Work with Study Abroad to review and report on participation trends over the past three years at WIU and peer institutions.
- Determine appropriate standards for multicultural perspectives graduation requirements and update approval processes.

Since receiving the charge, we have met every Wednesday via Zoom to work on the outlined tasks. Our first priority was to create a Multicultural Perspective Course form, as several departments were ready to submit courses for designation as multicultural perspective courses. Using the existing discipline-specific Global Issues course form as a foundation, we made the necessary modifications to meet the new requirements. This form has been shared with Jeremy Robinett and Annette Hamm.

The following list provides an update on the charges we worked on during the Spring 2025 semester.

Charges and Updates

1. **Updating the committee's purpose and potentially its name to reflect institutional changes**
 - After discussion, the committee voted to **retain** the current name of the council.

2. **Reviewing and reporting on Study Abroad participation trends at WIU and peer institutions (last three years)**
 - We received eight years' worth of Study Abroad data on November 21, 2024.
 - The committee produced a report based on the data provided, which was **presented to the Faculty Senate** on Tuesday, April 29, 2025.
3. **Reviewing and reporting on enrollment trends in Foreign Language (FL) and Global Issues (GI) courses (last three years)**
 - The committee **has not yet begun** work on this charge but will review it in the near future.
4. **Reviewing and reporting on enrollment trends at WIU and peer institutions (last three years) in collaboration with International Admissions**
 - We have **not received** the necessary data for this charge. We will follow up to request the required information.
5. **Determining appropriate standards for multicultural perspectives graduation requirements and updating approval processes**
 - The committee **has not yet begun** work on this charge but will review it in the near future.

Sincerely,

Tahir Khan, Computer Sciences – Chair

Brian Locke, Music – Co-Chair

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