Minutes from the Council on International Education

3:00 PM, Friday, December 11, 2015

Horrabin Hall 60 and the WIU Quad Cities Codec Room (QC Complex 2108)

In attendance: Gary Schmidt (chair), Fetene Gebrewold, George Gunzenhauser (in the Quad Cities), Jana Marikova, Michael Murray, Rafael Obregon, and Yong Tang.

I. Motion to approve CIE Minutes from November 13, 2015:

Motion seconded. No discussion. Minutes approved as written.

II. Feedback from Faculty Senate on Review Process for Global Issues Courses (Dr. Schmidt):

a) The Faculty Senate was positive about the CIE reviewing Global Issues courses, and they suggested we model our review process after the Writing in the Discipline course approval process. Other suggestion: if the CIE were to find problems with a course, we could meet with the department chair and the teacher of the course to suggest ways for improving the course in question. Finally, if we review courses on a five-year cycle, we will review 32 courses in Spring 2016.

b) Discussion: Dr. Gunzenhauser suggested we do a six-year review cycle rather than a five-year cycle as Global Issues courses are no longer considered valid after six years. Dr. Schmidt said we need only have one representative syllabus from courses we are reviewing, and that would probably be the most recent.

c) Dr. Gebrewold asked about the logistics of submitting a request for GI designation on a course, specifically, if the course request should come to CIE first and then CCPI, or vice versa. Drs. Gunzenhauser and Schmidt both answered that GI course requests should come to us first for approval, and then proceed to CCPI. Dr. Schmidt also stated that whether we approve or deny a course, it is only our recommendation, and that should have no effect on CCPI’s approval of a class.

III. Continued Discussion of Objective Six:

Dr. Schmidt asked the Council if they would like to discuss the wording of objective six at this meeting or discuss the entire questionnaire at a future meeting. Dr. Obregon said it would be better at a future meeting, and those in attendance agreed.

IV. New business: none

V. Motion to adjourn & seconded.

Next meeting will be Thursday, January 21, 2016 at 2:00 PM

Minutes submitted by Michael Murray