Minutes from the Council for International Education

3:00 PM, Wednesday, April 26, 2017

Stipes Hall 207 & the Quad Cities Campus via videoconference

In attendance: Chandra Amaravadi (chair), Davison Bideshi, Christina Davis, Boh Young Lee, Michael Murray, Rafael Obregon and Carol Webb (via videoconference).

I. Approval of Minutes from April 5, 2017.

a. Motion made & seconded. Minutes approved as written.

II. Elections.

 a. Mr. Murray nominated himself for CIE recording secretary for the academic year 2017-2018.

As there were no other nominations for the position, Mr. Murray was elected by acclamation.

b. Dr. Bideshi was nominated for the position of CIE Chair for the 2017-2018 academic year, but he declined the nomination. As there were no other nominations for the position, after some discussion Dr. Bideshi agreed to act as interim chair for the time being.

III. Welcome new members.

a. Drs. Singh and Liang were unable to attend the Council meeting. The Council looks forward

to their participation beginning in Fall 2017.

IV. Finalization of GI Course Evaluation Form.

a. Dr. Webb asked for clarification on who would be collecting the data from the GI Course Evaluation questionnaire. Dr. Amaravadi responded that the CIE would establish a subcommittee for evaluating GI courses. Concerning item 10 on the GI Course Evaluation form, Mr. Murray asked what evaluators would do if it were impossible to tell what percentage of the course grade was based on GI content. Dr. Amaravadi responded that in such a case, the department chair and/or course instructor would be asked for clarification.

b. Dr. Amaravadi asked if the Council had any further questions, and hearing none, the GI Course Evaluation form was approved.

V. Campus Internationalization Goals – Vision Statement.

a. Dr. Amaravadi asked the Council for any feedback on Dr. Pedro Bidegaray’s version of the Campus internationalization Goals document and appreciated the streamlined nature of the document. Dr. Webb suggested that the Council should state the answers to the questions on page 2 as goals to strive for. She also said the CIE should be specific about percentages and numbers whenever possible. Council members then edited some of the goals and objectives and having run out of time decided to table this for next year. He will circulate the document with the edits.

b. Concerning goals for future participation in international activities, Dr. Amaravadi remarked that projecting attainable growth in the numbers of students who participate in Study Abroad programs or enroll in foreign language courses is very difficult at present. This is because we currently have no baseline data concerning such participation and there exists no way for us to collect it. Dr. Obregon said CITR could possibly supply the Council with some useful information. Dr. Bideshi argued that one of the goals on the internationalization document should be to set up a centralized office to collect such data, and he suggested the Center for International Education office could help with this data collection.

c. Dr. Amaravadi asked that as part of next year’s business, the CIE should find out what

percentage of students are taking foreign language courses at WIU.

V. Motion to adjourn.

a. Motion seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting will take place in Fall 2017, exact date and time to be determined.

Minutes submitted by Michael Murray.