

International Education Committee (IEC)

Minutes for Friday March 23, 2018

Attendees: Debbie Chee, Carmen Eyssautier, Eowyn Greeno, Krizta Kotsis, Andrea Kueter, Mike Spivey, Matt Warning, Sheryl Zylstra (minutes)

Meeting opened at 9:04 am

There was a question of whether there was a quorum with enough voting members. It was decided that there was not an official quorum and that topics would be discussed but not voted on.

The previous meeting's minutes were reviewed but could not be approved due to lack of a quorum.

Latoya Brackett's trip to Ghana to determine feasibility for a student learning abroad program:

It would cost approximately \$3,000 to approve the travel of Latoya Brackett. She is a visiting professor. The trip is to Ghana, West Africa. This is not an area of travel we currently have available to students. A straw poll indicated that all voting members present (6) were in favor of approving. There were no nays. The formal vote for approval will await a quorum.

Proposed changes to bylaws from the senate:

The proposed changes are to reduce the IEC faculty number to 5, to remove the Dean of Student's representative, and to decrease the number of student representatives from 2 to 1.

Discussion: It is believed that there is benefit to all representatives being here. It is felt that Dean of Students representative has information that faculty members do not have and is able to provide necessary information at meetings. The proposal to establish an IEC faculty liaison with admissions would be harder with the faculty being reduced. Cutting one student from the committee seems feasible, as there are currently two. Currently there are 8 faculty on the committee.

Summary: Straw poll indicates that we are in favor of keeping the Dean of Students representative. We are not opposed to decreasing the student members from 2 to 1. The more difficult question is the current decrease in faculty members from 8 to 5. This will require a vote. The question is can we conduct the business of the committee with 5 faculty members? We utilize a number of sub-committees. Would that mean requiring more regular meetings? Different disciplines bring so much perspective that would be lost if there were fewer faculty. The consensus is that there needs to be more discussion on this topic, including the faculty members who are absent today. Currently there is some agreement that we could reduce to 6

members, but it is not clear why there is a need to reduce to 5. We would like to have a fuller rationale for why the reduction is requested and whether there is a ratio of faculty to non-faculty members that needs to be maintained.

Discussion regarding why the change is being proposed: This may be due to the fact that some committees are understaffed with faculty members and so there is hope of moving some faculty from this committee to others.

Committee Statements

In regards to submitting statements from subcommittee #3 to the strategic planning committee goal team #1: The committee was in favor of sending the comments to Goal Team One. The statements 1) regarding support for international student scholarships and 2) regarding the establishment of a 3 year faculty liaison between the IEC and Admissions will be sent.

The committee was in favor of sending these statements now, as the material is time sensitive.

The Jacobson / Gardner Proposal

The proposal was missing a syllabus. We will wait until that is received to discuss this proposal further.

The Orlin Proposal

Also chose to table the discussion of this proposal until there is a quorum.

In preparation for the next meeting we now have the program approval rubric that we can utilize to review the incoming proposals.

Meeting ended at 9:46