**Minutes: Academic Senate Committee on Internationalization (COI)**

Date: October 19, 2012

Present: Arenillas (Chair), Burgmeier, Delpier, Fletcher, Kakas, Steinhaus, Whalen, Warchol, Xie

Absent: Stunkard

Next meeting: November 16, 2012, 12:30-2:00pm in room 142 Whitman Hall.

Meeting called to order at 12:30 p.m.

**Reports:**

**Chair Report**

No announcements have been made regarding the status of the Director of International Programs search. Arenillas will check with Compton to get an update.

**Secretary Report**

The minutes of the September 21 and October 5 meetings were approved.

**Director of International Programs Report**

None

**Old Business**

**Consideration of the Global Faculty and Student Recognition at NMU**

Arenillas indicated that our proposal was forwarded to the Provost last spring but she has not heard a response. She will check with Compton to see if he received a reply from the Provost.

**New Business**

**Agenda Items for the 2012-2013 Academic Year**

**International Visiting Scholars Series**

Arenillas will draft a proposal to reinstate the International Visiting Scholar Series. She will contact faculty who invited previous scholars to campus in order to compile attendance figures, a list of activities related to the scholars visit, as well as other evidence that demonstrates the benefits of the program to students and the community. Burgmeier wondered if we should incorporate various feedback methods into the program in order to assess and demonstrate its impact.

**Exceptions to the World Culture Requirement**

Based on the experience of an international student here at Northern, Steinhaus suggested that we propose to the Liberal Studies Committee an exception to the World Cultures requirement for international students. After some discussion the committee decided to table the item until the Liberal Studies Task Force, appointed by the Provost, makes its recommendations regarding the Liberal Studies program.

**Faculty-Led Study Abroad**

There was some discussion about resources available to faculty who are developing a faculty-led study abroad proposal. Burgmeier indicated that Marcelo Siles would ask this committee annually to review and provide input on Faculty-Led Study Abroad Leader Handbook. Committee members agreed that expanding the section on program design would be a helpful addition to the handbook. Susan Morgan is in the process of updating the handbook but the older version can be found on the International Programs web site at: <http://www.nmu.edu/internationalprograms/sites/DrupalInternationalPrograms/files/UserFiles/Susan/FLSA_Leader_Handbook.2010_Final.pdf>.

**Buddy Program**

This program started as a WildCat Innovation Award. What is the status of the program?

Do we want to lend our support for the continuation of this program?

**The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted

Mike Burgmeier