

Internationalization Task Force (ITF)

April 1, 2004

3:05-5:00

Meeting Minutes

Present: Drs: Bourgault, Cinelli, Clarcken, Eathorne, P. Goodrich, Kupper, Hanson, S. Martin, Singh, Smolens, Sundell, Rehema Clarcken, Liz Oeslby-Koch, Angie Maki, John Weting

Guests: Paul Duby and Kathleen Thompson

Meeting called to order by Dr. Bourgault at 3:10.

1. Power point presentation: Superior Edge Task Force

Paul Duby and Kathleen Thompson gave a power point presentation about Superior Edge Task Force objectives and guidelines. They would like advice on the “Develop an appreciation for international diversity”. Any suggestions can be sent to Kathleen Thompson at kathomps@nmu.edu or Paul Duby at pduby@nmu.edu.

2. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Bourgault will send the minutes, by e-mail, to all members for approval.

3. International Service Learning Experience

Dr. Bourgault put together a summary and distributed a series of questions and recommendations put forward by the Service Learning Committee chaired by Dr. Susan Martin. We discussed each point and made the needed revisions.

- We changed the title from International Academic Service Learning to International Service Learning.
- We should move towards consistency guidelines for Service Learning. This area needs specific work and we need to find an appropriate model that is consistent with accreditation. This should be discussed in great detail at a future time.
- We see a need to help students organize fund raising. Need to develop a policy on how students can get fundraising.
- Need to have an advisor in each department who could handle academic aspects of advising related to an intended study abroad program. Besides International Affairs, we need a place in each department/program to send students for academic advising .
- Dr. Bourgault would like to recommend that we have an academic wing within International Affairs to coordinate academic matters related to academic experiences abroad. This academic wing would handle, among other issues, academic questions/credit issues pertaining to Study Abroad, International Service Learning, CLEA's, etc.
- We need to look for ways to enhance departments to better utilize International Affairs and Continuing Education for support of the international effort.

3. Good of the order

Learning Technology sub-committee will give a demonstration on the different technology available at NMU already on Friday, April 8th at 3:00 and you are all invited. You need to RSVP by Wednesday, April 6th.

Modern Languages & Literatures and the College of Arts and Sciences will hold “Planet Chat” on Tuesday, April 5th from 11-12:30 in 136 Whitman Hall.

Dr. Bourgault will schedule an additional ITF meeting for Friday, April 16th at 3:00.

Meeting adjourned 5:00

Angela Maki
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