**Minutes: Academic Senate Standing Committee on Internationalization**

Friday, September 10, 2010

Present: Stunkard, Burgmeier, Shevy, Li, Orf, Oates, Ball, Mills, Ben Stanley (ASNMU rep)

Excused: Mowafy

Meeting was called to order to 11:05 am

Last meeting minutes were approved. No additions were made to the Agenda.

**New Business**

Amy welcomed the committee back and introduced new members, Mike Burgmeier, Bronwyn Mills and Ben Stanley.

The meeting schedule was reviewed and accepted as proposed for 9/24, 10/15, 10/29, 11/12, and 12/3.

Stunkard volunteered to take over Web Master duties from Shevy in October.

Goals for 2010-11. The committee reviewed the 2009-10 Year-End Report goals and discussed whether any or all of these goals should be pursued in the upcoming academic year. The goal of developing a report to present to the Academic Senate regarding the Strategic Consulting “International Education” report was identified as a priority. Siles reported that NMU administration is waiting for the COI report before proceeding. It was decided to invite the Provost to an upcoming meeting, have dialog on the consultant report and then schedule a forum to gather student and other input. After this process is complete, COI will script a response to the consultant report and submit it to the Academic Senate. The Strategic Consulting “International Education” report was distributed to new members. All members are asked to read the report in preparation for discussion at the next meeting.

A new goal for COI was suggested regarding proposed global recognition awards for faculty and students. Orf distributed Tim Compton’s draft proposal from March 2010. Discussion was held regarding the number of recipients, criteria, promotion, and administration of the program. This issue will be revisited.

**Reports:**

**Chair Report**

Orf reported that there was good response to Middle East study abroad opportunities announced by Tim Compton earlier this year.

The “buddy program” has begun with the matching of College of Business students with foreign students.

The committee was reminded of the United Conference beginning this weekend and asked to promote and attend the activities.

**Secretary Report**:

 N/A

**Executive Director of International Programs Report**

Siles reported that an updated Faculty Study Abroad Handbook will be available later this semester. It will be distributed to COI for their feedback prior to being published.

The number of students participating in Faculty Led Study Abroad has increased by approximately 16% this year. The number of international students on campus has increased by 27%. Several new opportunities are being developed with India and China.

There will be three groups of Central American students visiting NMU this year through a U.S. State Department grant with Georgetown University.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Stunkard, COI Secretary