ACADEMIC SENATE 2013-14

COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONALIZATION

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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Members of the Academic Senate

**From:** Committee on Internationalization

**Subject:** Year-End Report for 2013-2014

**Reading:** April 11, 2014

The academic year 2013-14 is the seventh year of service provided by the Committee on Internationalization (COI) to the Academic Senate. The Committee’s function is to advise and make recommendations to the Senate on a wide range of issues regarding internationalization at NMU and to support faculty, student, staff and administrator efforts to internationalize the curriculum and the campus community. The ultimate goal of such efforts is to position NMU as an institution whose graduates demonstrate a knowledge base that encompasses a global perspective and a strong sense of a global community.

The report covers COI’s activities since its year for 2013-14 to the Senate, which was issued in April 2014

During the academic year 2013-2014 the Committee on Internationalization:

* Met with the Director of International Programs, Kevin Timlin in several meetings. Timlin shared ideas about the International Programs and the best ways for COI to work with his office.
* Shared with the Director of International Programs the draft for an award for NMU students, “Recognition of International Focused Student at Northern Michigan University.” The Committee with the International Programs will submit the award proposal next academic year, in order to be considered by the new president.
* Discussed the possibility of the termination of the International Visiting Scholars Series and decided to wait for the new president to address our concerns. COI believes that the series is an important contribution to NMU internationalization process. We also discussed the possibility to replace it with a Fulbright scholar.
* Created a database, “Global Engagement Database,” for NMU professors to share their International Focus. The database can be accessed: [www.nmu.edu/internationalprograms/node/233](http://www.nmu.edu/internationalprograms/node/233)
* Advertised the database.

COI still has a number of goals that it would like to pursue during the 2014-2014 academic year. The committee plans to:

* Submit the proposal for the “Recognition of International Focused Student at Northern Michigan University” award.
* Work towards the continuation of the International Visiting Scholars Series or Fulbright Scholar.
* Continue to promote long-term study abroad program, Faculty-Led Study Abroad, and Freshman International Experience programs for NMU students.
* Disseminate a list of best practices in internationalizing the campus.