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

Date: February 11, 2011

Present: Stunkard, Orf, Mills, Burgmeier, Shevy. Oates, Li, Ball, Mowafy, Wellman

Excused: Siles

Meeting was called to order at 11:03am

Agenda was approved.

Last meeting minutes were accepted with revisions.

**Reports:**

**Chair Report**

* Alex Wellman was welcomed as the new ASNMU representative to COI.
* The Global Faculty Recognition Draft Proposal will be forwarded to the Provost in the immediate future.
* The International Studies curriculum proposal has been returned by the Academic Senate to CUP with questions regarding the teaching of specified history classes. CUP has returned the curriculum proposal to Modern Languages and Literatures for revision.
* The Title VI Middle East faculty team will not include Egypt during their upcoming visit to the area. The group will be visiting Israel, Jordan, and Turkey.
* The 10-week travel restriction from the Cuban government has been lifted allowing students and faculty to visit or attend courses in Cuba for any period of time. As a result, Orf is organizing an FLSA in May to the University of Matanzas for a group of 19 USOEC athletes.
* Los Pingous, an Argentine folk groove band will be performing as part of the International Performing Arts Series this Saturday, February 12, 2011 at the NMU Great Lakes Rooms.

**Secretary Report:** None

**Executive Director of International Programs Report**: None

**New Business**

**Guest Peter Pless of Art and Design**

Dr. Peter Pless, NMU Professor of Human-Centered Design, provided the committee with background into his interest in faculty-led study abroad following trips to Amsterdam and Milan design sites in 2009. This April, Dr. Pless will be taking a group of NMU students to the Salone Satellite in Milan, Italy to display their works. The Salone Satellite is a showcase of select young international designers that are given the opportunity to exhibit to a large audience of manufacturers, press and design professionals during Milan’s Design Week and the renowned Salone Internationale del Mobile (Milan Furniture Fair). The exhibits will be on display at the DeVos Museum when they return to Marquette this summer.

**Egyptian Discussion**

Mowafy shared his emotions and information regarding the recent Egyptian demonstrations and call for new government leadership. The future is unpredictable in Egypt and the area. He is concerned for the safety of students and others imprisoned in the country. Mowafy is available to speak with students and other groups on the subject.

**Old Business** None

**Discussion of Needs of International Students on Campus**

A question arose regarding how international students might react to campus emergencies such as the event that closed NMU and MAPS on February 2nd.

**Good of the Order**

Mills reported that a student mentor of hers, English major Melissa Seeley, received a Spooner Grant. She will accompany Mills on a trip to Turkey this April.

**The meeting adjourned at 12:20pm.**