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

Date: January 28, 2011

Present: Mowafy, Li, Burgmeier, Stunkard, Orf, Oates, Siles

Excused: Shevy, Mills, Ball

Meeting was called to order at 11:05am

Agenda was adopted with two additions to New Business.

Last meeting minutes were approved with amendments.

**Reports:**

**Chair Report**

* Orf reported that the contract with Matanzas University in Cuba has been signed during a recent trip by NMU to Cuba. Two NMU students are currently enrolled in classes at Matanzas.
* Orf sent a note to Dr. David Boe, Chair of the Academic Senate, in support of the International Studies proposal coming to that committee. The second reading with a vote will occur at next week’s meeting.
* Orf wrote to Ben Stanley, ASNMU representative, and ASNMU President, Courtney Russell, regarding a replacement for Ben who is unable to participate in COI meetings this semester due to a scheduling conflict. The request was forwarded to Kyle Brock, VP of ASNMU, who asked for information from Orf about COI so that he can select an appropriate representative.
* Orf invited Dr. Michael Cinelli, Associate Dean/Director of the School of Art and Design, to visit COI to discuss his work in furniture design and upcoming student trips to Italy. He deferred to Dr. Peter Pless, who will attend our next meeting.

**Secretary Report:** None

**Executive Director of International Programs Report**:

* Siles reported further on the recent contract signing with the University of Matanzas in Cuba. He described further discussions that may occur regarding partnership with the University of Havana, sport training opportunities and faculty exchanges.
* The recent visit by CAYA students, Central American Youth Ambassadors, was a success. Students enjoyed the visit and provided positive evaluations. Georgetown University indicated desire to continue working with NMU in the future on this project.
* Language translation equipment has been purchased. It has been installed in Siles’ office and training is available.
* Monday, Feb. 7, is the deadline for area high school students to submit applications to visit Central America for 2-4 weeks this summer. Scholarships are available for students and teachers.
* Based on President Wong’s directives, Siles will concentrate on recruitment of more international students. Enrollment rose at NMU by 44% this past year. China and India appear to be good prospects.

**New Business**

**COI Membership for 2011-2012**

Rebecca Ulland, CEC chair, submitted a COI committee membership list for corrections and updates. Oates, Shevy, and Orf terms expire this year. Li may not be at NMU for the 2011-2012 academic year. Information regarding term limits of two consecutive terms was questioned.

**FLSA Handbook**

Siles distributed the 2010 FLSA Leader Handbook. Any suggested changes are welcome and should be forwarded to Siles as the handbook is a dynamic publication and updates will be incorporated in the next edition.

**English Partners**

Committee members discussed various ways that students and faculty could create informal dialog opportunities for international students and students studying foreign languages. Suggestions included the use of language tables, inclusion of the All Nations Club, and academic service learning in the language lab.

**Global Recognition Criteria**

The committee discussed how to proceed with the March 2010 Global Faculty Recognition at NMU Draft Proposal. A motion was made and seconded to send the draft document, as part of the Title Six Grant Outcome Report, to the Provost, with a copy to Tim Comptom, for feedback.

The meeting adjournment at 12:30pm.