

Western Michigan University
 College of Health and Human Services
 International Committee
 November 14, 2008

Present: Linda Zoeller (Presiding), Yvette Hyter, Denise Bowen, Dennis Simpson, Mary Lagerwey, Richard Long, Fred McDonald, Kathi Fuller, Maureen Mickus, Gay Walker

Absent: Bill Fenn, Joyce Thompson (out of country), Brett Berquist, Anastasia

Agenda Item	Discussion	Actions/ Follow-up/ Outcomes
A. Call to Order	The meeting was called to order by Linda Zoeller at 8:40 am	
B. Approval of Agenda		Agenda approved
C. Approval of Minutes for October 3, 2008	Minutes were reviewed	Dennis Simpson moved for approval of the minutes as received; Mary Lagerwey seconded. Approved unanimously.
D. Old Business		
1. Update on Study Aboard - Mexico	Kathy Fuller distributed a final report for the Mexico trip and did a Power Point presentation. The trip was attended by 5 CHHS students and 6 students from other programs (pre-med , psych, educ). Arrived in early May. Use of a local driver was discussed (very helpful). Students commented that they would like to have their schedule on Week 1 instead of Week 2. One student went home early due to family responsibilities.	

1. Update on Study Abroad - Ireland	Maureen Mickus presented the Ireland Study abroad experience. See handouts – itinerary and SWOT analysis which were reviewed with the committee. There were 25 applicants , ended up taking 12 students.	Because there were many good applicants the enrollment was increased to 18 and another faculty member (Ann Chapleau) is going for 2009.
2. Student Conduct and Study Abroad	Discussion was raised as to how to address student conduct when travelling to other countries where the rules may be different (e.g. drinking age, legality of selected activities).	Brett Berquist summarized the relationship suggesting that students will seek new opportunities, but are still bound to act within the legal limits of that country.
3. HIGE Updates	Brett Berquist reported that HIGE has a web page to help give visibility and access to the university .	
E. New Business		
1. Posting meeting minutes	We discussed the possibility of posting minutes somewhere that would improve access after they have been approved by this committee.	International CHHS will post their minutes on the HIGE web site. Also, post additional information such as the reports presented today by Maureen (Ireland) and Kathy (Mexico) to serve as a model for others.
2. Linkage between International Learning and CHHS International Committee	Brett suggested that it would be useful to have an established link with the International Learning in light of the ACE work.	Steve Malcolm will be invited to attend a future meeting to discuss how we can accomplish this linkage.
3. International Laboratory – American Council on Education	Brett spoke to this point. The IL-ACE is a key resource for building international capacity. He described some of the activities r/t the work of IL at WMU. The Faculty Senate International Education Council is also	

	working to move IL-ACE forward.	
4. Evaluating Study Abroad programs.	Some discussion occurred around how we might evaluate the impact of such programs as Mexico and Ireland. For example, is there some way to measure the impact and the benefits of Mexican language and culture on the university? What about language learning?	This discussion needs to have further time.
Meeting Adjournment:	Due to time limits, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am	
Next Meeting:	December 5, 2008 at 8:30 am	[This meeting was later cancelled]. Next meeting is January 16, 2009 at 9:00AM.

Submitted by:

Richard Long / Linda Zoeller