

Western Michigan University
College of Health & Human Services

**International Committee
Agenda
Friday October 3, 2008
9 – 11:30 am
Room CHHS 3267**

Present: Linda Zoeller, Chair; Jeanine Bartholomew, Denise Bowen, Kathi Fuller, Yvete Hyter, Mary Lagerwey, Richard Long, Maureen Mickus, Joyce Thompson, Gay Walker

Absent: Bill Fenn, Fredrick MacDonald, Dennis Simpson

HIGE liaison: Brett Berquist, Anastasia Kaml

Recorder: Richard Long, Joyce Thompson

A. Welcome & call to order	Meeting began at 900 a.m. Linda Zoeller, new Director BSON, presented a brief review of her international activities as study abroad coordinator for St. Mary's College.
B. Approval of Agenda	Yvette needed to leave early so presented her report early.
C, Minutes of April 11, 2008	Linda asked for comments on minutes – None received. Kathi moved and Gay seconded motion to approve. Accepted as written.
D. Old Business	
a. Update on Summer 2008 international visits and programs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Mexico – Kathi reported that 11 students went to Patzcuaro during summer 2 2008 (3 credits). They included 1 nursing, 2 OT, 1 BLS, 1 SW, 2 psych majors, 2 premed, and 2 edu. Majors. Language& culture experiences and student evals good. Eric visited to assess possible pre-PA sites. Budget being finalized for 2009, working with Brett on Study Abroad Fair October 3rd. Need to schedule time for students to present to CHHS. Jeanine with work with Dean and Linda on scheduling forum for Mexico and Ireland students.ii. Netherlands – Mary reported that she and Judy Sadler are looking at offering more than one site for comparing health systems. Mary's language course went well and she was able to meet with people at psychiatric hospital and older survivors of Holocaust. She reported that Netherlands faculty expect CHHS students to contribute to their students' learning (posters, presentations, etc) and not just come as consumers of information in the host country. Utrecht University is one possible site for the future. Will continue to work with Judy and Brett on development.iii. Slovakia – Judy in class so unable to report. Did complete language course this summer. Brett reported that her proposal for Comparative Health Systems course received HIGE funds for further development.iv. West Africa – Yvette reported that West Africa trip is on hold until 2010 for Study Abroad.v. Ireland – Maureen is anticipating overwhelming response for Ireland trip Spring break 2009 (Already

	<p>has 27 letters of interest). Last year 14 students went; this year she thinks 10 students will be maximum because they are providing ground transport (rental van). An essay has been added to application, and this year preference will be given to graduate students. Limit is also due to available clinical sites, so adding another faculty member would not help. Linda asked about U. Ulster as she had previous contact with them – Maureen noted they are very interested in having students come to WMU. Brett noted that faculty from Deakin University visiting next week and will meet with Maureen about OT opportunities.</p> <p>vi. Issue raised during discussion requiring follow-up: need for interpreters if use sites where English is not spoken (eg Slovakia), SWOT analysis of both Mexico and Ireland trips to share learning experiences with committee, need to integrate research opportunities in international activities, more detail on ‘umbrella’ course on health systems that could be taken in any country or used within US with different cultural groups.</p>
b. HIGE & CHHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brett reported that he has officially been assigned to our committee as liaison with HIGE. When he cannot come, Anastassia Kaml will attend. • Very pleased with progress CHHS committee has made and noted that the CHHS framework for international activities has been a productive asset for the university in international education. Should be placed on CHHS website. • HIGE will continue assets to allowing faculty to engage in international activities. There are funds for faculty development of semester long courses, but nothing at present for spring break activities. Will look for money to support students in such activities (partial). • Handed out flyer on Mexican Language and Culture opportunity for faculty and staff in 2009. \$1500 grants are available. • Brett will support international training activities in CHHS and keep faculty informed of HIGE activities • Update on CHHS seminar series – Jeanine and Linda will plan with Dean’s office. Request that something be done this fall 2008 with students and faculty.
c. WMU International Education Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yvette was congratulated on her election to IEC for 2 year term. • Faculty Senate has given IEC their charges for the year – Yvette will email to committee members. • Mary Lagerwey as past-chair of Faculty Senate still attends some of the meetings.
d. website design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update at present, though discussed how to link HIGE site with CHHS if we have an international section. • Brett offered ‘storage’ of CHHS international reports and framework, etc on the HIGE site if needed.
E. New Business	
a. Plans for activities addressing CHHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimal discussion today – need to have Linda and Richard seek College Council input of their international

International Priorities	<p>priorities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question raised by Maureen about how to connect with faculty who are not internationally inclined. Joyce handed out summary of activities in other universities, including use of Fogarty Framework grants to support courses, minors at graduate and undergraduate level. • Research is one way to stimulate international interests of faculty. • Linda suggested that CHHS focus on elder care, migrant health, mental health, substance abuse to capitalize on strengths of CHHS and its programs. • Brett will follow-up on Fogarty Framework grants to see if we might be eligible. http://www.fic.nih.gov/programs/training_grants/framework/ • • Maureen and Kathi will present their international experiences from 9:30 – 10:30 on November 14th.
b. LDSI Goals - Yvette	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yvette reported that the university will be working with the American Council on Education in internationalizing the curriculum of the university. This includes creating a lab for international issues. • She asked us to think about how we can create more international focus in daily life of University.
Schedule of meetings for 08-09	<p>The following dates and times were agreed by the group:</p> <p>Friday, November 14th 8:30 – 10:30 am Friday, December 5th 8:30 – 10:30 am Friday, January 16th 9:00 – 11:00 am Friday, February 13th 9:00 – 11:00 am Friday, March 13th 9:00 – 11:00 am Friday, April 3rd 9:00 – 11:00 am Jeanine will schedule a room for each of these meetings and inform the group.</p>